Statuta

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cie regis/fidei defensoris/ac domini Hibernie Henrici octaui decimo
primo Tento/ Bonum publicum concernentia.

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THe kynge our soueraygne lorde callyng to his blessed & most gracious remembraūce ỹ dayly & manyfolde daūgers wherin his good & louyng subiectꝫ of this his realme of England do & may incurre by thynges done perpetrated & cōmytted contrary to ỹ ordre of his lawes/hauyng alway tender eye/with mercy/pyte/& compassyon toward his said subiectes/myndyng of his high goodnes & great benignyte/so alwayes to impart ỹ same vnto thē/as iustyce beynge dayly admynistred all rygour be excluded/& ỹ grat & benuolēt myndes of ỹ kyngꝫ said subiectꝫ largely & many tymes approuid to warde his highnes by correspondence of gratitude reacquited of his mere motyon/benignyte/& liberalyte/by auctorite of his parlyament/hath gyuen & graūted his lyberall & free pdon to his said good & louyng subiectꝫ & to euery of thē to be had take & enioyed to & by them & euery of thē by vertue of this p̄sent act in maner & forme ensuyng. ¶ That is to wyt/ỹ kyngꝫ highnes of his said benignyte & hygh lyberalyte is fully resolutely & stedfastly pleased ỹ it be ordeyned/establysshed/& enacted by auctorite of this his said p̄liament/ỹ all & euery of his said subiectes as well spirituall ap tēporall/ỹ heyres/successours/executours & administratours of thē & euery of thē/& all & syguler bodyes & any maner of wyfe corporat/cyties/boroughes/shyres/rydynges/hūdredꝫ/lathes/rapes/wapentakes/townes/byllages/& thythyngꝫ/& euery of thē ỹ successours & ỹ successour of euery of thē shalbe by ỹ auctorite of this p̄sent plyament/acquyted/pardoned/released/& discharged agaynst his highnes/his heirꝫ/successours/& executours/& euery of thē of all & all maner offencꝫ/cōtēptes/trespas/wrōges/& deceites/misdemenours forfetours/penaltꝫ/& profytꝫ/sūmes of money/paynes/of deth/& paynes of corporal & pecuniary/& generally of all other thyngꝫ/causes/quarels/sutes/iugemētꝫ/& executiōs in this p̄sent act hereafter nat excepted nor forprised/which may be or cā be by his highnes in any wyfe or by any meane pdoned/before & vnto ỹ last day of ỹ moneth of October in the.xxi.yere of his most noble rayne.to euery of his said subiectꝫ bodies corporate,cityes,boroughes,shyres,rydyngꝫ,hūdredꝫ,lathes,rapes,wapentakes,townes,byllages,& thythynges,or to any of thē. And also ỹ kynges highnes is cōtented ỹ it be enacted by auctorite of this p̄sent plyament,that this said free pdon shalbe as good & effectual in ỹ law to euery of his said subiectes of this his realme & to all & euery of the said bodies corporat,cities,boroughes,shyres rydyngꝫ,hūdredꝫ lathes,rapes,wapentakꝫ,townes,willages & thythyngꝫ,& to euery of thē by these generall wordes before rehersed in al thynges which be nat hereafter excepted,as ỹ saide pdon sholde haue ben if al offences,cōtēptes,forfetours,causes,maters,sutes,quarels,iugementes,executions,penaltes,& all other thynges nat hereafter excepted,had be perticulerly,syngulerly,severally,& playnly pardoned,named,rehersed,and specifyed,by proper or expresse wordes & names in their kyndes,natures,and qualytes in wordes & termes they vnto requysyte in the sayd pdon,& ỹ his said subiectes nor any of thē their heires,executours,or administratours,nor ỹ heires/executours/or administratours of any of thē,nor any of the said bodies corporat,cities,boroughes,

shyres, rydings, hundreds, lathes, rapes. wapentakes, townes, byllags, or tythynges or any of the be lued, vered, or inquieted in they bodyes, goods, landes, or catels for any maner matter, cause, contempt, mysdemeanour, for keyture, trespas, offence, or any other thynge suffred / done or cõmytted, before ỳ sayd last day of October against the kyngs hyghnes his crowne progatyf, laws, statutes, or dignite / but only for suche causes, matters & offẽces, as be specially & playnly reherced in ỳ exceptyõs & forsples in this plent pdõ hereafter mẽcyoned & for none other. Any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse or pcedẽt here to fore had made or vsed, to ỳ cõtrary in any wyse nat wtstãdyng. ¶ Also the kynges highnes of his bouteous lyberalyte / by auctorite of this plent parlyament graũteth and freely gyueth vnto his sayde subiectes, & to euery of the and to euery of the sayd bodies corporate, cyties, boroughes, shyres, rydynges, hundredes, lathes, wapentakes, townes, byllages, and tythynges, & to euery of the / all suche goodes, cattels, tynes, pfyts, pfytes, amercemẽts, forfeitures & lõmes of money / by any of the forfeyted, which to his hyghnes do or shuld be longe or apptayn by reason of any offẽce, cõtẽpte, mysdemenour, trespas, matter, cause, or quarell, suffred done or cõmytted, by the or any of them, before ỳ sayd last daye of October, which be nat hereafter specially & playnly forprysed and excepted in this prsẽt pdon. And that all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes, and all & euery bodyes corporate, cyties, boroughes, shyres, rydynges, hundrede, lathes, rapes / wapentakes / townes / byllages / and tythynges / may by hym selfe / or his / or they sttourney / or attourneys / plede & mynistre this prsent acte and free pardon for his or they discharge of and for euery thynge ỳ is therby pardoned without any fee or other thynge therfore in any wyse payenge to any person or persons for pledyng / wrytynge / or entre of the iudgement or for any other cause concernyng the same / but only .xii.ð. to the clerke that shall entre the plee / matter or iudgemẽt / for his or they discharge in ỳ be halfe. Any estatute or vse to the contrary nat withstandynge. And furthermore the kynges hyghnes is contented ỳ it be enacted by auctorite of this prsent parlyament / that his sayde free pardon in all maner of courtes of his lawes / & els where / shalbe reputed / demed and iudged / alowed / and taken as well in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions & forpryses specifyed in this plent pdon / & acte as in all & synguler the other clauses wordes and sentence / mencyoned and reherced in the sayde free pardon most benefycially and auailably to all and synguler his sayd subiectes of this his realme / and to euery of ỳ sayd bodyes corporated / cyties / boroughes / shyres / rydynges / hundredes / lathes rapes / wapentakes / townes / byllages / & tythynges / & euery of them & most strongly in barre / and discharge agaynst his hyghnes / his heyres / successours / and executours in euery thyng without obstacle chalẽnge or other delay what so euer it be to be made pleded / obiected / or aleged / by ỳ kynge our souerayne lord / his heyres / successours or executours / or by his or any of they generall attourney / or attourneys / or by any other pson or psons for his hyghnes / or any of his heires / successours or executours. ¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde / and by auctorite of this prsent parlyament / that if any officer or clerke of his hygh courtes / cõmonly called the kynges benche / chauncery / & comon place or of his eschequer / or any other officer / or clerke of any other of his courtes within this realme after ỳ feest of ỳ natyuyte of our lorde god next comynge / make out / or wryte out any maner of wrytes / or other prcesse / or any extractes / or other pceptes wherby any pson or persons of his sayde subiectes / or any of the sayde bodyes corporated / cityes / boroughes / shyres / ry-

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dynges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, byllages, and tythynges. or any of the shalbe in any wyse arested, attached, distrayned, sommoned, or otherwyse vexed troubled or greued in theyr bodies landes, tenemētes goodes, or cattells, or in any of them, for, or bycause of any maner of thynge, acquited, pardoned, released, or discharged by thys present acte of free pardon, he so offendynge and therof lawfully condempned, shall yelde and pay for recompence therof to the partye so greued or offended, treble damages, accōpted as well of those damages, all costes of ỹ sute. And nevertheles all & synguler suche wrytes, proces, extractes, & preceptes made or to be made, for or vpon any maner thyng, acquited, pardoned, released, or discharged by thys present acte of free pardon shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte. ¶ Except always & forprysed out of this pardon all maner of hyght treason, all prepensed & voluntary murders, & all robberyes of churches, & robberyes done vpon mens persons all other felonyes & robberyes by the comen law, of felonous takyng of any money goods, or cattels, aboue the value of. xx. s. all felonous brēkyng of house al carnall knowlyshmētes of women, all rasynges of recordes, all outlarves of hyghe treasone, & of al maner of felonies other thā felonies to ỹ sayd value of. xx. s. or vnder ỹ somme ¶ And that all outlarves had or promulged vpon or agaynste any ꝑson or persons for any cause nat beyng treason, murder, or felony, aboue the said sume of. xx. s. to be pardoned by ỹ generall wordes of thys pdon aforesaid, so alway ỹ the same ꝑsons & euery of them stande to right to answere or satisfye the ptye at whose sute he is outlawed according to the lawes of thys realme. ¶ Also excepted & forprysed out of this pardon all offences & contemptes cōmytted & done agaynst the statute or statutes of prouysyone & premunire, or any of them, & all forfeyturs & tytles that may growe to the kynges highnes by reason of any of the same estatutes, & al tytles & actiōs of quare impedit, & all knowlyshmēt of ỹ kynges warves, all wastes of ỹ kynges woodes in his forestes, parkes, or chaces, all concelymentes of customes & subsidies, all ryots, routes, & vnlawfull assembies cōmytted & done aboue the nōbre of. xx. ꝑsons. ¶ And also excepte & forprysed out of thys pdon, all issues & ꝑtes, fynes & other penaltyes, for inclosures of landes & tyllues, profites, fynes, & other penalties, for decayse of houses of husbandry yf ỹ the same inclosures be nat reformed, & the lādes put in tylage or the said houses nat redified before ỹ last day of September next comynge. ¶ And also except al maner of alienatiōs & gyftes into mortmayn, or to chuse of any maner of mortmayn, & all intrusions, had, made, or done, in any maners, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamētes sythen the fest of saynt Myghel ỹ archāgell, which was in the. xx. yere of the reygne of our said souerayn lorde. ¶ And also all offences commytted by dyggyng downe or castyng downe of any crosse or crosses whiche stode or were set in any comon or high way or ways, & all and synguler dettes other than dettes growē vpon recognisaunces beyng all redy forfeted forsuerte of ỹ peas, or for apparaūce at any day or place. ¶ And excepted & forprysed out of thys pdon all accōptes & all accyons, sutes, & impeticiōs for ỹ same accōpts & arrerages of accōptes, & for ỹ said dettes or any of them here by excepted & forprysed. All homages & reliefes, all wylful escapes aswel of conuictes as other, dettes which were due to the most noble kynge of famous memory kyng Henry the. vii. or to any ꝑson or ꝑsons to his vse by any condycyon, recognisaunce, obligacion or otherwyse. ¶ All & synguler those forfaitours due to our souerayn lord kyng Hēry ỹ. viii. by any penal statute or statutes which be cōuerted into ỹ nature of det by iugemēt or by agremēt of ỹ offendours be

fore ꝑ fyrſt day of this ꝑſent ꝑliamẽt/ & all forfetours & other penalites & profyts grawen or due by reaſon of any offẽce or acte cõmytted or don contrary to any ſtatute or ſtatut/ or cõtrary to ꝑ comõ law wherof any ſeaſure is made/ or any informacion gyuen in ꝑ kyngꝭ eſchequer or any ſute ther cõmenſed before ꝑ ſaid fyrſt day of this ꝑlyamẽt/ or wherof ꝑ kyngꝭ hyghnes by his byll ſygned or otherwyſe here tofore hath made any gyfte or aſſygnemẽt to any of his ſeruantes/ & alſo excepted all yſſues forfeted fynes/ amercemẽtes/ aſſerred/ taxed/ ſet/ extreted/ or iuged ſeuerally/ & perticulerly/ extẽdyng to ꝑ ſũme of .C.s. or aboue ꝑ ſũme. And ꝑ all & ſynguler other fynes as well fynes ꝓ licẽcia cõcordãdi as other/ & all other yſſues & amercemẽtes as well real as other/ whiche ſeuerally or ꝑticulerly extende not to ꝑ ſayd ſũme of .C.s. whither they be forfeted or not forfeted take to ꝑ charge of ꝑ ſhyrꝭ/ or not take to his charge extreted/ or not extreted/ whether they be formed into det or not det/ and not beynge leuyed nor receiued by any ſherꝭ or ſherꝭe, baylif/ miniſters/ or other officers ſhall be fully clere & playnly ꝓdoned & diſcharged agaynſt ꝑ kyng our ſouerayn lorde his heyres & ſucceſſours for euer. ¶ And it is further enacted by ꝑ auctorite afore ſayde that in caſe it be obiected to any ſherꝭe or ſherꝭes/ or other accõptances in ꝑ kyngꝭ court of eſchequer/ or in any other his courtes/ that any ſherꝭ or ſherꝭes or other officers accomptaũt hathe receyued or taken any ſuche fynes/ yſſues or amercementes before ꝑdoned releaſed & acquyted/ that than euery ſuche ſherꝭ & ſherꝭes & other accomptauntes ſhalbe diſcharged/ releaſed/ paroned/ and acquyted therof by his or theyr othe/ without any further tryall in that behalfe. ¶ God ſaue the kynge.

¶ An acte that abiured perſons ſhalbe marked in the ryght hande with the ſygne of an A. Ca.ii.

BE it enacted by the kyng our ſouerayn lorde & the lordes ſpritual & tẽporall/ & the comons in this preſent ꝑlyament aſſẽbled & by auctorite of the ſame/ ꝑ yf any ꝑſon take ſentwary in any churche churchyarde/ or other holy place/ for felonye or murder/ where he ought by ꝑ lawes & cuſtomes of this realme to haue his abiuracio for the ſame/ ꝑ thã ꝑ ſame felon or murderer ſhall take his abiuracion & paſſage out of the ſame churche/ churchyarde, or other holy place, at ſuch a day & tyme as ſhalbe aſſygned to hym by ꝑ coroner of ꝑ ſhyre or place where he taketh ſuch ſentwary/ & ꝑ ꝑ coroner imediatly after his cõfeſſiõ & before his abiuracio ſhal cauſe euery ſuch felon or murderer to be marked wt an hote yrõ vpõ ꝑ brawne of ꝑ thõbe of ꝑ ryght hãde wt the ſigne of an A. to ꝑ entent he may be ꝑ better knowẽ amõge the kyngꝭ ſubiectꝭ ꝑ he was abiured. And than to gyue him his abiuracio/ & to be vſed in all other thyngꝭ as hath ben accuſtomed. And ꝑ all mayres/ bailyfs/ & cõſtables ſhalbe attẽdaũt at ꝑ cõmaũdement of ꝑ coroner for ꝑ due execucio therof/ as they wyl anſwere at theyr parels to ꝑ kyngꝭ hyghnes for ꝑ ſame. And if any felon or murdrer ꝑ ought to haue any ſuch abiuracion refuſe to take his paſſage out of ꝑ ſayd ſẽtwary at ſuch tyme as ſhalbe aſſygned to him by ꝑ ſayd coroner/ ꝑ than ꝑ ſayde felon or murderer ſo refuſyng/ ſhall loſe ꝑ benefyte of the ſame ſentwarye/ & be taken out of ꝑ ſame & cõmytted to priſon/ and further to be ordred for his offence after his merytes without any reſtytucyon to ſentwary for the ſame.

¶ An acte concernynge abrydgementes of playntyffes in aſſyſe. Ca.iii.

FOr as muche as aſſyſes which haue ben though ꝑ moſt ſpedy remedy, be now by occaſyon of pledyng of many barres to moytes/ & parties of the landes put

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in bewe & playnt/greatly delayed for difficulties & dyuysiõ of pledig/ And one cause therof is/because ỹ playntyffes in ỹ assyse/i such plees to moyties/& ptes/can nat by ỹ lawe abrydge theyr plaites. For remedy wherof/be it enacted/ỹ the plaintife i euery assyse frõ hẽforth may at his pleasure seuer & abrydge his plait/ of any pte or partes whervnto any barre is pleded/in such lyke maner/ as he or they myght do in case the plees in barre had be made & dyuyded to any certaintie or nõbre of acres in the playnt/ And ỹ the plait for ỹ residue of ỹ parte or ptes of ỹ lãdes nat abrydged shalbe & stãde good and effectuall in the lawe.

¶ An act cõcernyng the sale of lãdes by the executours of the testamẽt. Ca.viii.

Where dyuers sondry persons before this tyme/hauynge other persons seased to they⁹ vses/of and in lãdes/& other hereditamẽtes/to & for ỹ declaracyon of they⁹ wylles haue by they⁹ last wyll & testamẽtes wylled & declared suche they⁹ sayde landes tẽmentes or other hereditamentes/to be solde by they⁹ executours/as well to and for ỹ paymẽtes of they⁹ dettes/ pformãce of they⁹ legacyes necessary & cõuenyẽt fyndyng of they⁹ wyues ber tuous bryngyng vp/& auaũcement of they⁹ chyldrne to maryage as also for other charitable dedes to be don & executed by they⁹ executours for the helth of they⁹ soules. And nat withstãdig such trust & cõfydẽce so by thẽ put in they⁹ sayd executours/it hath oftymes ben sene where such last wylles & testamentes of such lãdes tẽmẽtes/& other hereditamẽt hath ben declared/& in the same dyuers executours named & made/ ỹ after the deceasle of such testatours/some of ỹ same executours wyllynge to accõplysshe the trust & cõfydence ỹ they were put in by the sayde testatour/haue accepted & taken vpõ thẽ ỹ charge of the sayd testamt/& haue ben redy to fulfyll & pforme all thyng⁹ cõteyned i the same/ & the residue of ỹ same executours vncharytably contrary to ỹ trust that they were put in/haue refused to intermedle in any wyse wt the execucyõ of ỹ sayd wyll & testamẽt/ or with the sale of suche landes so wylled to be solde by the testatour. And for as much as a bargayn & sale of such land⁹ tẽmẽtes/or other hereditamẽtes so wylled by any pson to be solde by his executours after his decease after the opynyõ of diuers psons can in no wyse be good or effectual in the lawe/onles the same bargayn & sale be made by ỹ hole nõbre of the executours named to & for ỹ same by reasõ wherof as well ỹ dettes of suche testatours hath rested vnpayed & vnsatysfyed to ỹ great daũger & parel of ỹ soules of such testatours & to ỹ great hynderãce/& many tymes to the vtter vndoyng of they⁹ credytours. As also ỹ legacies bequest⁹ made by ỹ testatour to his wyfe/chyldrẽ/& for other charitable ded⁹ to be done for the welth of ỹ soule of ỹ same testatour ỹ made ỹ same testament hathe ben also vnperformed/ as well vnto ỹ extreme myserye of the wyfe & chyldrẽ of ỹ sayde testatour/as also vnto ỹ let of pformãce of other charytable dedes for the welth of the soule of ỹ sayde testatour/ to ỹ displeasure of almyghty god. ¶ For ỹ remedy wherof be it enacted ordeyned & estabylysshed/ by the auctorite of this plẽt pliamẽt/ ỹ where parte of ỹ executours named in any suche testament of any suche pson so makyng or declaryng any suche wyll of any lãdes/tenemẽtes/or other hereditamẽtes to be solde by his ercutours/ after ỹ dethe of any suche testatour do refuse to take vpon hym or thẽ ỹ administracõ & charge of ỹ same testamt & last wyll/ wherin they be so named to be executours/& the residue of the same executours do accept & take vpon them the cure & charge of the same testament & last wyll/ ỹ then all bargayns & sales of suche landes tenementes/or other hereditamentes/so wylled to be solde by the executours of any suche testatour/ as well here tofore made/ as here after to be made by hym or thẽ only of ỹ sayde executours ỹ so doth accept/or ỹ here tofore hath accepted & taken vpon hym or thẽ any such cure or charge of administracõ of any such wyl or testamt

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shalbe as good & as effectual in ỳ law/as yf all the resydue of ỳ same executours named in ỳ same layd testament/so refusyng ỳ admynistracio of ỳ same testament had toyned wt hym or thē in ỳ makynge of ỳ bargayn & sale of inche lādes/tenemētes or other hereditamētes so wylled to be solde by their executours of any suche testatour which here tofore hath made or declared/or ỳ herafter shal make or declare any such wyll of any such lādes/tēntes/or other hereditamētes after his decease to be solde by his executours. ¶ Prouided alwaye that this acte shall nat extende to gyue power or auctorite to any executour or executours at any tyme herafter to bargayn or put to sale any landes/tenemētes/or hereditamentes by vertue & auctorite of any wyll or testament here tofore made/otherwyse thā they myght do by the course of the comon lawe afore the makyng of this acte.

¶ An acte concernynge probate of testamentes. Ca.b.

Here in the parliament holden at Westmynster in ỳ.xxi. yere of ỳ reygne of the noble kyng of famous memory/Edward ỳ.iii. vpō ỳ cōplaint of his people for ỳ outragio⁹ & greuous fynes & sōmes of money take by ỳ mynysters of bysshops/& of other ordinaries of holy church for ỳ probate of testamēt/& for ỳ acquitaūces by ỳ sayde ordinaries to be made cōcernyng ỳ same/the sayde noble kyng in ỳ same parlyamēt openly charged & cōmaūded the archbysshop of Caunterbury/& the other bysshops for ỳ tyme beyng ỳ amēdemēt therof sholde be had. And if none amēdemēt were therof had/it was by ỳ auctorite of the same parlyament accorded that the kyng therof sholde make enquery by his iustyces of such oppssion & extorcios. And ỳ ỳ same iustices shold here & determyn thē as well at ỳ sute of ỳ kyng as of the ptye as of olde tyme hath ben vsed, as by ỳ sam estatute playnly appereth. And where at ỳ parlyamēt holden at westmin/in the.iii. yere of the reygne of kyng Henry ỳ.v. it was relyted ỳ the cōmons of the realme had often cōplayned them in diuers parlyamēts of that ỳ dyuers ordinaryes take for ỳ probacion of testamentes and other thynges therunto belongyng/somtyme.xl.s. somtyme.lx.s. & somtyme more agaynst ryght & iustice where in tyme of kyng Edward ỳ.iii. men were wont to pay for such causes but.ii.s.vi.d. or.v.s. at ỳ most/by which vnlaufull exactyōs ỳ testamētes of ỳ testatours myght nat be executed accordyng to their last wylles, It was then enacted for the auoydyng of suche oppressions/ỳ no ordinary from thens forth sholde take for the probacion of any testamēt & inuentuary/or for any other thyng to ỳ same belongyng any more than was accustomed & vsed in ỳ tyme of ỳ sayd noble kyng Edwarde the thyrde/vpon payn to yelde to ỳ partye so greued thre tymes as moche as ỳ said ordynaryes dyd so receyue/which acte dyd endure but to the next parlyament folowyng by reason ỳ the ordinaryes dyd than promyse to reforme & amende the said oppressions & exccions. And for ỳ that ỳ said vnlaufull exactions of the said ordinaryes & their mynysters be nothyng reformed nor amended/but greatly augmēted & encreased agaynst ryght & iustyce/& to the great empouerysshyng of the kynges subiectes. ¶ The kynge our souerayne lorde by ỳ assent of the lordes spirituall & temporal and ỳ comons in thys present parlyament assēbled/& by auctorite of the same hath ordeyned/establysshed & enacted/ỳ from ỳ fyrst day of Apryll in the yere of our lord. M. v. C.xxx. ỳ nothynge shalbe demaūded/receyued nor taken by any bysshop/ordynary/archdeakē/chaūcellour/cōmyssary/offycyall/nor any other māner of psō or psōs what so euer they be/which now haue or which at any tyme hereafter shall haue auctorite & power to take or receyue probacion/insinuacion/or approbacio of testament/

or testamentes

or testamēt̄ by hym self or thē self/nor by his or they⁹ registers/ scribes/ prayers/ somoners/ apparatours/ or by any other of they⁹ mynisters/ for the ꝓbacyō/ insynuacion/ & ap ꝓbacyō of any testamēt or testamētes/ or for writeng/ sealyng/ prayinge/ registryng/ fyne/ makyng of inuentuaryes/ gruyng of acquytaūces/ or for any other maner of cause cōcernyng the same/ where the goodes of the testatours of ỹ said testament/ or person so dyenge do nat amount clerely ouer & aboue the value of an. C. s. sterlyng/ except onely to scrybe to haue for wrytynge of the probate of ỹ testament of hym deceased/ whose goodes shal nat be aboue ỹ same clere value of an. C. s. vi. d. & for the cōmyssyon of myxystracyon of the goodes of any man decealyng intestate nat beyng aboue iyke value of. C. s. clere & x. vi. d. & that neuertheles the bysshop/ or dynary/ or other person or persons/ hauyng power or auctorite to take or receyue ỹ probacyon or approbacyon of the testamentes/ refuse nat to approue any suche testamente beyng lawfully tended or offred to them to be proued or approued/ wherof the goodes of ỹ testatours or person so dyeng amount nat aboue ỹ value of an. C. s. sterlynges/ so that ỹ said testament be exhybyted to hym or them in wrytynge w^t ware there vnto allyxed redy to be sealed/ & that the same testamēt be lawfully proued before the same ordynary before the sealynge/ to be trewe/ hole/ & last testament of the same testatour/ in such fourme as hath ben comonly accustomed in ỹ behalf. ¶ And whan the goodes of the testatour doth amount ouer & aboue ỹ clere value of an. C. s. & do nat excede the summe of. xl. pounde sterlyng/ ỹ than no bysshop/ ordynary/ nor other maner of ꝑson or ꝑsons what so euer he or they be/ now hauing or which here after shall haue auctorite to take probacyō or approbacyon of any testamēt or testamentes as is afore sayde/ by them self/ nor any of they⁹ said regysters/ scrybes/ prayers/ somnoners/ apparatours/ nor any other they⁹ mynisters/ for the probacion/ insynuacion/ & approbacyon/ of any testament or testamentes/ or for the regystryng/ sealynge/ wrytenge/ prayinge/ makynge of inuentuaryes/ gruynge of acquytaūces/ fynes/ or any other thynge cōcernynge the same/ shall take or cause to be take of any person or persons/ but onely. iii. s. vi. d. & nat aboue/ wherof to be to the said bysshop or ordynary/ or to any other person or persons/ hauyng power and auctorite to take the probacyon or approbacyon of any testament or testamentes for hym & his mynysters. ii. s. & x. vi. d. & nat aboue/ & x. xii. d. reydew of ỹ said. iii. s. vi. d to beto the scrybe for the registryng of the same. And where the goodes of the testatour or person or persons so dyenge do amount ouer & aboue the clere value of. xl. pounde sterlynge/ that thā ỹ bysshop nor ordynary nor other person or persons now hauyng/ or whiche here after shall haue auctorite or power to take ꝓbate of testamēt/ as is afore said by him or them self/ nor any of his or they⁹ said regysters/ scribes/ prayers/ somoners/ apparatours/ or any other they⁹ mynysters/ for the ꝓbacyon/ insynuacyon/ & approbacyon of any testamēt or testamētes/ or for the regystryng/ sealynge/ wrytynge/ prayinge/ makyng of inuentuaryes fynes/ gruyng of acquytaūces/ or any thynge concernyng ỹ same probate or testament/ shall from the sayd fyrst daye of Apryll take or cause to be taken of any persone or ꝑsons/ but onely. v. s. & nat aboue/ wherof to be to the said bysshop/ or dynary/ or other person hauyng power to take ỹ probacō of such testament or testamētes for hym & his mynisters. ii. s. vi. d. & nat aboue/ & ii. s. vi. d reydue of the said. v. shyllynges to be to the scrybe for regystrynge of the same/ or els the same scrybe to be at his lyberty to refuse those. ii. s. & vi. d. and to demaunde and haue for wrytynge of euery l. lynes of the same testament/ wherof euery lyne to con-

teyne in length.x. yches.i.q. And ꝑ euery suche bysshop or ordynary / & other person or persons so haupnge or whiche hereafter shall haue auctorite or power to take or re cepue the probacyon or approbacyon of any testament or testamentes as is aboue sayd they? registers/scrybes/& mynysters/shall approue/insinuate/seale/ & registre from tyme to tyme the sayde testamentes/and delyuer the same seale with the seale of they? office to ꝑ executour or executours named in any suche testamentes to? ꝑ sayde some or sommes aboue sayd/& in maner & fourme as is aboue rehersed/ to delyuer it with conuenyēt spede/without any frustratory delay. And in case any person dye intestate or that the executours named in any suche testamentes/ refuse to proue the sayd testa ment. Than ꝑ sayd ordynary or other p?son or ꝑsons hauyng auctorite to take approbate of testamentes/as is aboue sayd/ shall graūt the admynystracyon of ꝑ goodes of the testatour or person deceased to the wydow of the same person deceased/or to the next of his kyn/or to bothe/as by ꝑ discrecyon of the same ordynary shalbe thought good takyng suerty of hym or them to whom shalbe made suche cōmissyon for ?tre we admy nystracyon of the goodes / catels/and dettes which he or they shalbe so auctorysed to mynyster. And in case where dyuers ꝑsons clame the administracyon as next of kyn whiche be egall in degre of kynred to ꝑ testatour or ꝑson deceased/& where any ꝑson only delyrith ꝑ adminystracyon/as next of kynne/where in dede dyuers ꝑsons be in equalyte of kynred/as is afor?sayd. Than in euery such case the ordynary to be at his election & liberty to accept any one or mo makyng requeste where dyuers do requyre the admynystracyon. Or where but one or more of them/& nat all beyng in equalyte of degre do make requeste/than the ordynary to admyt the wydowe and hym or them only makyng requeste/ or any one of them at his pleasure / takynge nothynge for the same/onles the goodes of the person so deceased / amount aboue the value or somme of an. C.s. And in case the goodes of the person so deceased amoūt aboue ꝑ value of an. C.s. & nat aboue the value or some of. xl. li. Than the sayde bysshop/ordinary/or other person or ꝑsons so hauynge auctorite to take probate of testamētes as is afore sayd/they? mynysters or officers shall take only .ii.s.vi.d. sterlyng & nat aboue/and that ꝑ executour & executours named by the testatour or person so deceased / or suche other person or persons/to whom such admynistracyon shalbe cōmytted/where any person dyeth intestate/or by way of intestate/callynge or takyng to hym or thē suche persone or persons/to we at the least/to whome the sayd persons so dyeng was indet ted/or made any legacy/ & vpon they? refusel or absēce .ii. other honest persons beyng nert of kynne to ꝑ persone so dyeng / and in they? defaute or absence .ii. other honest persons / & in they? p?sence/ & by they? discrecyons/shall make or cause to be made a trewe and perfyte inuentory of all the goodes / cattels/ wares/marchaundyses/as well mouable as nat mouable/what so euer ꝑ were of the sayde person so deceased / & the same shall cause ?o be indented / wherof the one part shalbe by ꝑ sayde executour or executours/admynystratour or adminystratours/ vpon his or they? othe or othes to be taken before the sayd bysshopes/or ordynaries/they? officyals/or cōmissaryes/ or other persons hauyng power to take probate of testamentes vpon the holy Euan gelyst to be good & trewe / and the same one parte endented shall p?sent and delyuer in to ꝑ keppyng of the sayd bysshop/ ordynary/or ordynaryes/or other person hauyng power to take probate of testamentes / and thother parte therof to remayne with the sayd executour/or executours/admynystratour or administratours/& ꝑ no bysshop/ ordynary/or other / what so euer person/hauynge auctorite to take probate of testa/

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ment or testamentes as is aboue sayd / vpon the payne in this statute hereafter re-
peyned / refuse to take any suche inuentory / or inuentories to hym or them presented or
sended to be delyuered as is aforesayd. ¶ Prouyded always ỳ yf ỳ person so deceased
wyll by his testamẽt or last wyll / any lãdes / tenemẽtes / or hereditamẽtes to be solde
that ỳ money therof coming / nor the yssues of ỳ sayd lãdes / for any tyme to be take
shall nat be accompted as any of the goodes or catteis of ỳ sayd person so deceased / &
that the same byllhop / ordynary or other psõ or psons hauynge auctorite to take
probate of testament or testamentes as is aforesayd vpon the delyuere of the seale / and
sygne of the testatour / do cause ỳ same seale to be defaced / and therupon incontynent
to delyuer ỳ same seale vnto ỳ sayde executour or executours / without clayme or cha-
lenge there vnto to be made / & in case any person or psons at any tyme hereafter require
a copy of coppes of ỳ sayde testamẽtes so pued / or of ỳ sayd inuentory so made / ỳ thã ỳ
sayd ordynary or ordynaryes / & the other psons hauyng auctorite to take probate of
testamẽtes or theyr mynysters / shall frõ tyme to tyme wt cõuenient spede without any
frustratory delay / delyuer or cause to be delyuered a true copy or coppes of ỳ same to
the sayd person or psõs so demaundyng, them or any of thẽ takyng for ỳ serche & for ỳ ma
kyng of ỳ copy or eyther of ỳ sayd testamẽt or inuentory / but only suche fee as is before
rehersed for ỳ registryng of ỳ said testament / or els the scribe or regyster to be at his
electiõ & lybertie to demaũde / haue / & take for euery.x. lynes therof beyng of ỳ ppor
or auctorite to take pbate / of testamẽtes / haue vsed to take selle sõmes of money thã
is aboue sayd for ỳ pbate of testamẽtꝫ / or cõmissiõs of administraciõs or other cause
cõcernyng ỳ same / shal take & receyue suche sõme or sõmes of money for ỳ probate of
testamẽtꝫ & cõmissiõs of ỳ administracions / & other causes cõcernyng ỳ same as they
before the makyng of thys acte haue vsed to take / & nat aboue. ¶ And it is enacted ỳ
euery byllop / ordynary / archedekene / haũcellour / cõmyssary / officyall / & other psons &
psõs hauing / or ỳ which herafter shal haue auctorite to take pbate of testamẽtꝫ theyr
registres / scribes / prauers / sõmoners / apparatours / & all other their ministers what
so euer they be / ỳ shal do / or attẽpt / or cause to be done & attẽpted agaynst this acte or
ordynaũce in any thyng shal forfeyte & lose for euery tyme so offẽdyng to ỳ ptye gre-
ued in ỳ behalf / so moch money as any such person aboue said shal take cõtrary to thys
psẽt acte, And ouer ỳ shal lose & forfeyt.x.li. sterlyng / wherof ỳ one moyte shalbe to ỳ
kyng oure souerayne lorde / & the other moyte to ỳ party greued in ỳ behalf / ỳ wyl sue
by accyõ of det / byl / mforemaciõ / or otherwyse / in any of ỳ kyngꝭ courtes for ỳ recouere
of ỳ same in which accyõ no essõ ptecciõ nor wager of law shalbe admytted or alowed.
And ỳ euery of ỳ same byllhops & other psons / which shal herafter incurre & fal into
ỳ daũgers of suche penalty or forfeyture shalbe chargede only by hymself / & none of
thẽ to be chargeable to ỳ penaltie for other offẽce. ¶ Prouided alway ỳ this psẽt acte
be nat ptudicial to any ordinary or any other psõ / which now haue / or hereafter shall
haue auctorite for probate of testamẽtꝫ / but ỳ euery of thẽ shal may cõuẽt before thẽ al
& euery psõ or psons made and named executour or executours of any testamẽt / to ỳ
intẽt to proue or refuse the testamẽt or testamẽtes of theyr testatour or testatours / & ỳ
to bryng in inuentaryes / and to do euery other thyng concernyng the same / as
they myght do before the makyng of thys acte / so that always any suche ordynary /
or other person or persons hauyng suche auctorite by thẽ selfe / theyr commyssaryes /
scrybes / regystres / or other mynysters aforesayd shal nat in any wyse take for the same

the fees lymytted by thys acte, ne in any wyse attempte any thynge contrary to any parte of the same acte.

¶ An acte concernynge takynge of mortuaryes. Ca. bi.

FOr as moch as question, ambygupte and doute is chaunced and ryssen vpon the order, maner, and fourme of demaundynge, receyuynge, and claymynge of Mortuaryes, otherwyse called (Corse presentes) as well for the greatnes & value of the same which as hath lately ben taken, is thought ouer excessyue to ỳ poore people & other persons of this realme, as also for that suche mortuaryes or Corse presentes haue ben demaunded & leuyed for suche as at the tyme of theyr deth haue had no ꝓ parte in any goodes or cattels. And many tymes for wayfarynge, trauelynge men, in the places where they haue fortuned to dye, to the entent that all dout, contencion & incertaynte, herein may be remoued, & as well ỳ generalyte of the kynges people therin remedyed, as also the ꝑsones, vycars, parysshe prestes, curates, and other hauynge interest in suche Mortuaryes & Corse presentes indyfferently prouyded for. ¶ Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned & establysshed, by the kynge our souerayn lorde & the lordes spirituall & temporall, and the comons of thys parlyament assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that frome the fyrst daye of Apryll, in the yere of our lorde god. M.d C.xxx. no person, vycar, curate, nor parysshe preest, ne any other spyrytuall person, nor theyr fermours, baillyffs, nor lessees, shall take receyue, or demande of any ꝑson or persons within this realme for any person or persons dyenge within the same, any maner mortuary or Corse ꝓsent, ne any somme or sommes of money ne any other thynge for the same, more than is hereafter mencyoned. Ne also shall cõuent or call any ꝑson or ꝑsons before any iudge spirytuall for ỳ recouer of any suche mortuaryes or corse ꝑsentes, or any other thynge for the same more than is hereafter mencyoned, vpon payne to forfeyt for euery tyme so demaundynge, receyuynge, takynge, or conuentynge, or callyng any suche person or persons, before any spirytuall iudge so moche in value as they shall take aboue the some lymitted by this acte. And ouer ỳ .xl.s. to the ỳe greued contrary thys acte, for the whiche forfeyture the party so greued contrary to this acte, shall haue and accion of det, by, wyrt, bylle, playnt or informacion in any of the kynges courtes wherin no wager of lawe, essoyn, nor ꝓtection shalbe alowed. ¶ Fyrst it is ordeyned, establysshed & enacted, ỳ no maner of mortuary shalbe taken or demaũded of any person, what so euer he be, which at the tyme of his deth hath in mouable goodes vnder ỳ value of .x. marke. ¶ Also that no mortuary shalbe gyuen, asked, or demaũded from henssorth of any maner person, but onely in suche place where here tofore mortuaryes haue ben vsed to be payd & gyuen and in those places non otherwyse but after the rate & fourme hereafter mencyoned. Ne that any persons pay mortuaryes in more places than one, ỳ is to saye, in ỳ place of theyr most dwellyng & habytacyon, & there but one mortuary. Nor no person, vycar, curate, parysshe preest, or other shall for any person dyeng or dede, & beynge at the tyme of his deth, of the value in mouable goodes of .x. marke, or more clerely, aboue his dettes payd, & vnder ỳ some of .xxx.li. take for a mortuary aboue .iii.s.iiii.d. in ỳ hole. And for a ꝑson dyenge or dede beyng at ỳ tyme of his deth, of ỳ value of .x.li. or aboue clerly, aboue his dettes payd in mouable goodes, & vnder ỳ value of .x.li. ther shall no more be take or demaũded for a mortuary thã .vi.s.viii.d. in ỳ hole, & for any person dyeng or dede, being at ỳ time of his deth, of ỳ value in mouable goodes of .vi.li. or aboue to any somme, what so euer it be clerly, aboue his dettes payed, there shalbe no more

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taken/ payd/or demaunded for a mortuary than .x.s.in the hole. ¶ Prouyded alway that for no woman beyng couert baron/ nor chylde/ ne for any psō nat keppyng house any maner mortuary be payd/ne ꝑ any psō/vycar/curate/ parysshe preest or other alle/demaūde/or take/for any such womā/chyld/or for any psō nat keppynge house/ dyenge or dede/ any maner thynge or money by waye of mortuary/ ne also for any wayfarynge man or other ꝑ dwelleth nat ne maketh residence in ꝑ place wher they shal happen to dye but ꝑ the mortuary of such wayfaryng persons be answerable in places where mortuaries be accustomed to be payd/ and i maner & fourme/ & after ꝑ rate before mēcyoned/& none otherwyse in ꝑ place or places/ where such wayfaryng psons at the tyme of their deth had their most habytaciō/ house & dwellynge places/ & no where els. ¶ Prouyded alway ꝑ it shalbe lefull to all maner of persōs/ vycars/ curates/parysshe preestes/ & other spirytual persons/to take and receyue any maner some of money or other thyng which by any pson dyeng shall fortune to be dysposed/ gyuen or bequethed vnto the/or any of them/or to ꝑ hygh auter of the chyrche. This acte or any thyng therin mencyoned nat withstandyng. And be it also enacted by the auctorite aforesaid ꝑ no mortuaryes/ nor corse presentes/ ne any somme or sommes of money/or other thyng for any mortuary or corse pśent shalbe demaūded/ taken/ receyued/or had in the partyes of wales/nor in ꝑ marches of ꝑ same/ nor in the towne of Caleys or Barwyke nor marches of the same/ but only i suche partyes and places of wales/ marches and townes aforesayd where mortuaryes hath ben accustomed to be taken and payde. And in those partyes and places no mortuaryes or corse presentes/ne any other thynge for mortuary/ or corse/ presentz from henceforth shalbe demaunded/taken/receyued,or had,but only after the forme, ordre, and maner above specyfyed in this presēt acte, & none otherwyse, ne of any other pson or persons than is ympted by this presēt acte,vpon the payne above cōteyned in this presēt acte. ¶ Prouyded also that it shalbe lefull to the bysshops of Bangour, Langaffe, saynt Dauyes,and saynt Asse, & lykewyse to the archedeken of Chester,to take suche mortuaryes of the preestes within their dyoces and iurysdyccyons as here tofore haue ben accustomed.

¶ Prouyded also that in suche places where mortuaryes haue ben accustomed to be taken of lesse value than is aforesayd that no person shalbe compelled to pay in any suche place any other mortuary,or more for any mortuary thā hath ben accustomed, ne that any mortuary,in suche place shall be demaunded, taken, receyued,or had of any person or persons exempte by this acte, nor in any wyse contrary to this acte, vpon the payne afore ympted.

¶ An acte agaynst seruauntes imbesylynge their maysters goodes. Ca.viii.

Where before this tyme dyuers, aswell noble men as other the kynges subiectes haue vpon confydence and trust delyuered to their seruauntes/ their caskettes ... and other iewels, money, goodes, and catelles, safely to kepe to ꝑ vse of their sayd maysters or maystresses, and after suche delyuer the sayd seruauntes haue with drawen thē self & gone away frō their sayd maysters or maystresses wt the sayd caskettes, iewels, money, goodes & cattels, or pte therof to ꝑ entēt to stele the same & defraude their said maisters or maistresse therof & cōtyme beyng wt their said maisters or maistresse haue cōuerted ꝑ sayd iewels, money & other cateis or pte therof to their

owne vse/whiche mysbehauour to done/ was doubtfull in the comon law whether it were felony or nat. And by reason therof/ the forsayd seruaūtes haue bē in grete voldenes te cōmyt such lyke offences. ¶ Be it therfore enacted/ ordeyned & establysshed by the kynge our souerayne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirytuall and temporall & the comons in thys present parlyament assembled/ & by auctorite of the same/ that all & synguler suche seruantes to whom any suche casketes/ iewels/ money/ goodes/ or catteis/ by his or theyr sayd maysters or maistresses/ shall from henseforth so be delyuered to kepe/ that if any suche seruaunt or seruaūtes withdrawe him or thē frō theyr sayd masters & maystresses/ and go awaye withe the sayd caskettes/ iewels/ money/ goodes/ or othere catels/ or any parte therof to the entent to stele the same & defraude his or theyr said maysters or maystresses/ therof contrary to the trust and confydence to hym or thē put by his or theyr sayd maisters or maistresses/ or els beynge in the seruyce of his sayd mayster or maystres/ without assent or commaundement of his maysters or maystres/ he imbesell the same caskettes/ iewels/ money/ goodes/ or catels or any parte therof/ or other wyse conuert the same to hys owne vse/ with/ lyke purpose to stele it/ ꝓ yf the sayd caskets/ iewels/ goodes, money, or catels, that any suche seruaūt shal so go away with/ or which he shal imbesell wt purpose to stele it as is afore sayd be of the value of .xl.s. or aboue. That than ꝓ same false fraudulent and vntrewe acte & demeanour from henseforth shalbe demed and adiuged felony. And he or they so offendynge to be punyllhede as other felones be punyllhed for felonyes cōmytted by the course of the comon lawe.

¶ Prouyded alwaye that thys acte or any thynge, therin, conteyned, shall nat in any wyse extende or be preiudycyall to any apprentyce or apprentyces/ nor to any person wtin the age of .xviii. yeres goyng away wt his or theyr maysters goodes/ or iewels/ or other wyse, concernyng the same vnto his or theyr owne vses durynge the tyme of theyr apprēntyshode, or beyng wtin ꝓ same age of .xviii. yeres/ but that euery aprētyce/ apprentyces/ suche person, or persons/ beynge within the sayd age, doynge, or offendynge contrary to thys present acte shalbe & stande in lyke ese as they and euery of them were before the makynge of thys acte. The same acte to contynue and endure vnto the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte agaynst kyllynge of calues. Ca. viii.

HOr as moche as of olde tyme greate multitude, of catell, was yerely encreased by weynynge/ bryngynge vp and rerynge of calues throughout thys realme wherby the nombre of oxen/ kyen, & steeres, were in suche habundaunce and plenty that befe & all other vyttell, was good chepe, & solde to the kynges subiectes at reasonable penyworthes & prices/ vntyll now of late yeres passed, that the breders, of suche calues of theyr couetous mides/ haue vsed to sell theyr calues yong suckyng to bouchers/ wapynyng/ rearynge/ bryngynge vp few or non/ wherby ꝓ encrease of olde cattel & also the increase ꝓ shuld or myght haue come or growen of ꝓ same is marueilously mynysshed & decreased/ in suche wyse ꝓ great derth of cattel & other vyttell hath & doth dayly sprynge/ grow/ cōtynue/ & aryse throughout thys realme/ nat onely to ꝓ great enhaunsynge of the prices of beffes and all maner vyttell/ but also to the great mynysshynge & empayrynge of good hosspytalyte/ and extreme hyndynge of the kynges poore and nedy subiectes within ꝓ same/ whiche inconuenyences & great scarcyte is

tye is lyke to ensue & encreale more & more if spedy remedy be nat prouyded in that behalfe. ¶ Be it therfore ordeyned & enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde/the lordes spirytuall & temporall/& the comons in this present parlyament assembled/ & by ꝑ auctorytie of ꝑ same/ that no maner person or plons beyng bouchers or other inhabytyng w^in this realme/ Wales/or the marches of the same shall from ꝑ fyrst day of Januarye next comyng/ duryng tyze hole yeres than next folowyng/kyll/ or cause to be kylled any maner of yong sucking calfe or calues to be solde or put to sale to any person or plons/hole or by retayle/which calfe or calues so hereafter to be kylled shall happen to fall or to be calued betwene the sayde fyrste day of Januarye & the fyrst day of May/in any of ꝑ sayd.iii.hole yeres/vpon payn of.vi.s.viii.d.for euery calfe fallen or calued betwene the sayde dayes,& kylled,& put to sale contrary to this acte, to be payde & forfeyted by euery suche boucher or bouchers & other whiche shall kyll or cause to be kylled & put to sale any suche calfe or calues so fallyng, & to be calued betwene the sayde fyrst day of Januarye & the sayde fyrst daye of May duryng the sayde tyze yeres. The one halfe of euery suche forfeture to be to ꝑ vse of our souerayne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to the party that wyll sue for the same by byll,accyon of det, or infformacyon in any of the kyngs courtes, wherin no wager of lawe, essoyn, nor protectyon shalbe alowed. ¶Prouyded alwayes that euery lorde marcher haue ꝑ forfeytes,profytes, and auauntages only of euery suche offender & offendours agaynst the purueyng of this acte within theyr seignouryes, lyberties,& fraunchesses copail. ¶ The acte lymyttyng ꝑ pryce of hattes & cappes brought frō beyonde ꝑ see. Ca.ix.

The kynge our souerayne lorde by the assent of the lordes spirytuall & temporall,& the comons in this present parlyament assembled,& by the auctorytie of the same,hath ordeyned,establyshed, and enacted,for the comon welth of the subiectes of this his realme, ꝑ no maner person or plons what so euer he or they be, from the feest of the purificacyon of our lady nexte comynge,do sell or cause to be solde w^t in this his realme to any person or plons, any wollen hattes or bonettes, or wollen hatte/ or cappe/ made or to be made in any place or places out of this realme of Englande/in any of the parties of beyonde the see/ ouer or aboue the pryces vnder wryten that is to saye no suche cappe or bonnet to be solde aboue the somme of.ii.s.sterlynge/and no suche hatte to be solde aboue the somme of.x.d. and no suche syngle crowne cappe/nor syngle nyght cappe to be solde aboue the somme of.vi.pens vpon payne to forfeyte for euery suche bonet/cappe/or hatte/at any tyme after ꝑ sayde feste to be solde ouer ꝑ pryce aboue sayd cōtrary to ꝑ tenour of this acte.xl.s.sterlynge/ at which forfayture shal extende only to ꝑ losse of ꝑ seller or sellers therof & to none other ꝑ one halfe therof to be leuyed & recouered to ꝑ vse of our sayde souerayne lorde/ & the other halfe to ꝑ prey ꝑ wyll sue for ꝑ same in any of our souerayn lord ꝑ kyngs courtes by accyō of det/dyll/ infformacyō/or otherwyse/in which accyon or sute no protectyon wager of lawe/nor essoyn/shalbe alowed or admytted. ¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorytie aboue sayde/that euery person or plons beyng or werynge any suche bonette/cappe/ or hatte/ made out of this realme/ may lawfully at all tymes here after vse/were/& retayne/any suche bonet/cappe/or hatte/cappes/or hattes/ without seasure of the same or any daunger/ losse/ or other forfeyture/ or penalrye to be hadde or suffred for the same. Any mater/ clause/ or other thyng conteyned or expressed in this present acte or actes here tofore made to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ An acte agayng carryeng out of bralle/latē/and coper. Ca.x.

Forasmoche as there is no myne of metall of coper within this realme of Englande founde or had / where sufficyēt coper may be gathered for the vse of the kynge our souerayne lorde & for the people of this his realme / and also for as moche as dyuers mynes of coper in the parties of beyonde the see be nowe latly myned wrought & occupied by reason wherof the pryce of coper is greatly rysen / aswell in the partyes of beyonde the see / as in this realme / of the whiche coper dyuers metals myxed be made / as well laten of the whiche the founders make dyuers vessels / instrumentes & other necessary thynges / as also panne metall / brasse metall / gonne metall / and bell metall / made and wrought by dyuers artyficers within this realme / whiche be now also at a great pryce / & also where dyuers within this realme of late haue caryed and conueyed / & daily vse to cary and conuey into the partyes of beyonde the see / moche latyn / brasse / & suche metall myxed / as well in olde panne metall & broken vessels and instrumentes / as in metall thrown / and other thynges / nat only to the greate hurte of our souerayne lord the kyng in lackyng metall to make & furnysshe his ordynaunce / but also to the greate hurte and decay of all suche artificers whiche vse to worke any suche metall / & to the hurte of all the kynges lyege people / nat withstandynge that a redresse was commaunded of by the kynge our souerayne lorde / and the lordes of hys honorable counceil in Estre terme last past / sythens which tyme moche of the sayd metals hath ben conueyed. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite of this present parlyament that no person or persons from Mychelmas nexte do conuey or cary any suche metall / whether it be clene or myxed / to any porte / hauen / place / or creke / of this his realme / in any shyp / vessell / or bote / to be caryed or conueyed into any parte beyonde the see / vpon payne of forfeyture of all the sayde metall / in whose handes so euer they be founde or the value of the same / the one moyte of the sayde forfeture to be to our souerayne lorde the kynge / & the other moyte to the vse of hym that shall take or fynde the same forfeture. This acte to contynue vnto the nexte parlyament.

¶ An acte for restytucyon of goodes felonously stolen. Ca. xi.

Be it enacted by this present parlyament that if any felon or felons / here after do robbe or take away any money / goodes or catels / from any of the kynges subiectes or theyr person or otherwyse within this realme / & therof the sayde felon or felons be endyted / & after arrayned of the same felony / & founde gylty therof / or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euydence gyuen by the party so robbed or owner of the sayd money / goodes / or catels / or by any other by theyr procurement / that than the party so robbed or owner shalbe restored to hys sayde money / goodes / & catels / & that aswell the iustices of gaole delyuere as other iustices afore who any such felon or felons shalbe founde gylty or otherwyse attaynted by reason of euydence gyuen by the party so robbed or owner / or by any other by theyr procurement / haue power by this pñt acte to awarde from tyme to tyme wrytes of restitucion for the sayd money / goodes & catels / in lyke maner as though any suche felon or felons were attaynted at the suite of the party in appele.

¶ An acte for trewe makynge of cables / hausers / and ropes. Ca. xii.

Most humbly beseechen your highnes / the baylifes / burgeys / & other the inhabitaūtes of your towne & brough of Burporte within your county of Dorset / where they out of tyme of no mānes mynde is to the cōtrary / haue vsed & exercised to make within the same / the moost parte of all the great cables / hausers / ropes / and all other tukelyng aswell for your royal shippes & nauey / as for the moste parte of all other shyppes within this realme / by reason wherof your sayd towne was right well maintened & inhabited / your

highnes & your subiectes ryght well serued / wherll now of late many byuers & cuyll
vntrewe psons entendyng the destruccion of your sayd towne for their priuate lucre
& auantage / haue w^t drawen the reste into the countrey in diuers places / there takyng
ferames & dyuyng husbandry out of the sayde towne / & also dayly cariyte to your sayde
towne to bye & prouide hempe and therof make cables / ropes / hallers / traces / haiters
and other tacle / whiche cabels / ropes / hallers / traces / haiters / & other tacle ben by the
sayd persons slepyngly & decepuably made / by reason wherof not only ꝑ byers of the
same ben contynually therby decepued / but also the pypces of ꝑ sayde cabels / hallers
traces / haiters / & other tacle therby greatly enhaunced / & your sayde towne or borow-
ghe / by meane therof is lyke vtterly to be decayed / ruyned / and dyssolued / if spedy re-
medy / be not by your hyghnes in that case puyded. ¶ Be it therfore enacted by your
hyghnes / by ꝑ lordes spirytuall & temporall / & the comons in this ꝑsent parlyamẽt
assembled / and by the auctorite of the same. That no maner person or persons dwel-
lynge or inhabityng within the dystaunce of fyue myles from the sayd towne or bo-
rough of Burporte / shall from henceforthe sell or cause to be solde out of the market /
holden or to be holden within the same towne or brough of Burporte / to any ꝑson or
ꝑsons any hẽpe which shal happen to grow within the sayd fyue myles in dystaũce
from the sayd towne or borough / vpon payne of forfeyture of the sayd hempe so solde
or to be solde / in any place or places within the dystaunce of the sayde fyue myles out
of the sayde towne / borough / or market / contrary to ꝑ forme & effecte of this estatute.
¶ And further bett enacted by the auctorite aboue sayd / that no ꝑson or ꝑsons / other
than suche as shall dwell and be inhabitauntes within the sayde towne / shall make
after the feest of Ester next comyng out of the sayde towne any cabels / hellers / ropes /
traces / halters / or any other tacle made of hempe in any other place or places within
the sayde dystaũce of fyue myles frõ the sayde towne / vpon payne of forfeyture of the
sayde cabels / hallers / ropes / traces / haiters / and other tacle / made and to be made con
trary to the forme and effecte of this estatute / the one halfe of euery suche forfeyture /
as wel of the hempe so solde or to be solde out of the sayde towne / borough / and market /
contrary to the forme afore sayde / as also the sayde cabels / hallers / ropes / traces / hai
ters / and other tacle made out of the sayd towne contrary to this estatute to be to the
vse of our souerayne lorde the kynge / and the other halfe to hym that wyll sue for the
same / by accyon of dette / bill / or enformacyon / wherein neyther waget of iawe / essoyn
nor ꝑtecyon shalbe alowed. ¶ Prouyded alwayes ꝑ .xx. pound weyght shalbe accõp
ted to ꝑ stone. ¶ Prouyded also euery ꝑson dwellyng w^t in the sayde dystaunce may
make cabels / hallers / ropes / traces / haiters / & other tacle for their owne vse & occupa-
cyons / but in no wyse agaynst this acte. This acte to endure vnto the next parlyamẽt.

¶ An acte agaynst pluralytees of benefyces / for takyng of ferames by
spirituall men / and for residence. Ca. xiii.

For the more quyete & vertuous increase & mayntenaũce of vnyte betwene ꝑ
churche & temporalte / & for the more honour of god w^t goodly & good exãple gyuyng the better
discharge of curates / the mayntenaunce of hospytalyte / ꝑ releefe of poore people / ꝑ in
crease of deuocyõ / & good opinion of ꝑ laye fee towarde ꝑ spirituall ꝑsõs. Be it enacted
ordeyned / & establysshed by ꝑ kyng our souerayne lorde / w^t the assent of ꝑ lordes spi-
rytuall & temporall & ꝑ comons in this ꝑsent parlyamẽt assembled. And by ꝑ auctorite of the
same / ꝑ no spirituall ꝑson / secular or regular / of what degree so euer he or they be / shal
from henceforth take to ferme of hym selfe or to any ꝑson or ꝑsons / to his vse of ꝑ profi-

or grauȝt of ꝑ kyng our ſouerayn lorde,nor of any other ꝑſon or ꝑſons,by letters,patentes,indȝtures,wrytyngꝭ,by word or otherwyſe,by any maner meanes any maners landꝭ/teñtes,or other hereditamẽtes,for terme of lyfe,for terme of yereꝭ,or at wyll,vpon payne to forfet.x.li.for euery moneth ꝑ he or any other to his vſe ſhall occupy any ſuch terme,by reſon of any ſuch leaſe or graunt hereafter to be made. ¶ The one halfe of whiche forfeture to be to ꝑ kyng our ſouerayn lorde, & ꝑ other halfe therof to euery ſuche perſon as wyll ſue for ꝑ ſame,by origynall wryt,byl,or playnt of det,or by any informacion in any of ꝑ kyngꝭ courtes. In which accion & ſute no wager of law ſhal be admytted for ꝑ defendaũt,nor any eſſon or ꝓtection alowed. ¶ And be it alſo enacted by ꝑ auctorite afore ſayde,ꝑ al & euery ſuch ſpũall ꝑſon or ꝑſons, whiche nowe haue or occupy in terme by the ſelfe or by any other to theyr vſe, any maners, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes of ꝑ leſſe.or graunt of the kynge our ſouerayne lorde or any other ꝑſon or ꝑſons,for terme of lyfe,or for yeres,or at wyll, by any wrytyng or otherwyſe, or ꝑ now haue any annuel rẽtes,or other annuel aduauntage or ꝓfyte by occaſyon or colour of any ſuche leſſe or terme,ſhall clerely bargayne,ſell,gyue, or graũt away on this ſyde ꝑ feeſt of ſaynt Myghell ꝑ archaungell next comyng to any ſuche lay ꝑſon or ꝑſons, as they wyll at theyr owne nouelactions & appoyntment,al ſuche leſſe,terme,intereſt,& ꝓfyt as any ſuch ſpũal ꝑſon.or any other to his vſe now hath or haue,in,or by reaſon of any ſuch terme,ſo ꝑ in no wyſe any ſuch ſpũal ꝑſon or ꝑſons at any tyme after ꝑ ſame feeſt by the ſelfe or any other to theyr vſe by any maner of meanes,fraude, or male engyne,ſhal haue,vſe,or occupy ſterme,any maners landes,teñtes,or hereditamẽtes of ꝑ demyſe, leſſe,or graũt of any ꝑſon or ꝑſons here to fore made, or hereafter to be made, to the ſelfe or to any other to theyr vſes,nor frõ the ſayde feeſt ſhal take any annuel rent or other annuel aduauntage or ꝓfyte by occaſyon or colour of any ſuch leſſe or terme by any maner of meanes, vpon payne to forfet for euery moneth in occupyeng any ſuche terme, at any tyme after ꝑ ſayde feeſt contrary to this ꝑſent acte.x.li. And vpon payn to forfet ten tymes as much as any ſpũal ꝑſon or any to his vſe,ſhal take in annuel rent,& aduauntage, or ꝓfyte by occaſyõ or colour of any ſuch leſſe,or any tyme after ꝑ ſayd feeſt. The one halfe of whiche forfetures to be to ꝑ kyng our ſouerayn lorde, & ꝑ other halfe to him ꝑ wyll ſue for ꝑ ſame by origynall wryt,byl,or playnt of det,or by informacion in any of ꝑ kyngꝭ courtꝭ. In which accion & ſute no wager of lawe ſhalbe admitted for ꝑ defendaũt,nor any eſſon or ꝓtection alowed. ¶ And be it alſo enacted ꝑ all ſuch leſſes made,or hereafter to be made vnto any ſuche ſpũal perſon or perſons, or to any other to theyr vſe,for terme of lyfe, terme of yeres.or at wyll, of any maners, landes,teſtes,or hereditamentes,whereof they or any of the ſhal take any ꝓfyte, or medelyng by the ſelfe, or by any to theyr vſe after ꝑ feeſt of ſaynt Myghell, by colour of any ſuch leſſe or graunt & nat by the bargayned,graũted,& ſolde away before ꝑ ſayd feeſt as is before limytted ſhal frõ thenſforth be vtterly voyde & of none effecte.aſwel agaynſt ꝑ leſſour or leſſours, graũtour & graũtours,theyr heyres & aſſignes,& agaynſt euery of the,as againſt ꝑ leſſe or leſſes & theyr executours & aſſygnes,& euery of them. ¶ Prouyded alway ꝑ this ꝑſent acte ſhall nat extende to any ſpirituall ꝑſon or ꝑſons,in,and for taking to ferme any temporalites.during ꝑ tyme of vacations,of any archbyſſhoprykꝭ,byſſhoprykꝭ,abbeys ꝓpoſes, or other collegiall,cathedrall,or cõuentual churches.nor to any ſpũall ꝑſon or ꝑſons, ꝑ ſhall rede or make any trauerſe vpon any office,or office concernyng his or theyr freholde. ¶ And be it alſo enacted by ꝑ auctorite afore ſayd ꝑ no ſpũall ꝑſon

or perſons

or psons/ seculer or reguler/ of what estate or degree so euer they be/ shall trō hensforth by vpon self/ nor by any other/ for him nor to his vse bargayne & bye to sell agayne ⁊ by any lucre/ gayne/ or pfyt/ in any market/ fayres/ or other places/ any maner of cattell/ corne/ fode vytayll/ spyces/ lether/ tallowe/ frishe/ woll/ woode/ or any maner of wyttell/ or marchandyse/ what kynde so euer it be of/ vpon payn to forfet treble the value of euery thyng by thē or by any to their vse/ bargayned & bought to sell agayne/ contrary to this pnt acte. And ꝓ euery suche bargayne & contracte hereafter to be made by thē/ or by any to their vse contrary to thys acte/ shalbe vtterly voyde & of none effecte. And the one halfe of euery suche forfeyture to be to ꝓ kyng our soueraygn lord & the other halfe to him ꝓ wyll sue for ꝓ same by originall writ or det/ bill playnt/ or informacion in any of the kynges/ courtes. In which/ accion or suite/ no wager of lawe for the defendaunt shall be admytted/ nor any essoyn nor protection alowed.

¶ Prouyded alway ꝓ if any suche spuall pson or psons shall happen hereafter wᵗout fraude or coyn to bye any horses/ mares/ or mules/ to the only intent to occupy/ for hym selfe/ or his seruauntes to ryde to & fro/ vpon his necessary busynes/ or any other cattels or goodes/ to ꝓ only intent & purpose as the byenge therof to be imployed & put in/ & a bout his necessary apparel of his owne house or of his person & seruauntes or in/ for/ & about ꝓ only occupyenge manurynge or tyllage of his owne glebe or demean landes annexed to his churche/ or for ꝓ necessary expences of his own housholdhepping. And after ꝓ byenge of suche horses/ cattels/ or goodes/ or exchaūge of thē or any of thē happeneth to myslyke any of them ꝓ they shoide nat be good/ pfytable nor conuenyent for any of ꝓ purposes about said for the whiche they were bought/ that than euery suche spuall pson or psons/ may lawfully bargayne/ & put away suche thynges so by him bought without fraude or coyn for any of the purposes above said at his pleasure & aduauntage. This acte or any thynge therin cōteyned notwithstandynge.

¶ Prouyded alway ꝓ all abbottes/ pryors/ abbesses/ prioresses/ prouostes/ prelates/ maysters of colleges and hospytalles/ and all other spuall/ gouernours/ and gouernesses/ of any spuall monasteries or/ houses of relygyon/ by what name or names so euer they be called/ haynge maners/ landes/ & tenemētes/ hereditamētes/ & other perely pfytes/ in the ryght of their monasteries or houses/ of ꝓ perely value of. viii. li. houyzed markes/ or vnder/ and nat above/ may vse and occupy as moche and as many of their demeane landes/ fee/ fermes/ & rents/ to their most/ aduauntage/ cōmodyte & pfyt/ to and for the only mayntenaunce of their housholdes & hospytalytees in as ample and as large maner as they or any of thē or their predecessours/ or the predecessours of any of thē at any tyme by the space of one. C. yeres last past/ before the makynge of this pnt acte/ haue done/ vsed and occupyed. Any thynge in this pnt acte to the cōtrary notwithstandynge. ¶ Prouyded also that euery other spirytuall person & persons nat hauyng sufficient glebe/ or demean landes in their own hādes in the ryght of their churches/ monasteries and houses for pasturage of cattels or for increase of corne/ to & for the only expences of their housholdes/ and for the carryage and iourneys/ may take in ferme/ other landes/ and bye & sell corne and cattel for the only manuraūce/ tyllage/ & pasturage of suche ferme/ so that the increase therof be alwayes imployed and put so & for the only expences in their housholdes & hospytalytees. And nat in any wyse to bye and sell agayn for any other commodyte/ lucre or aduauntage/ any corne or cattell/ renewyng/ compynge/ or growynge/ in and vpon any suche ferme or otherwyse/ but only ꝓ remayne & ouerplus about their expenses

of thete houſholdes / yf any ſuche ſhall happen of ꝑ breed & encreaſe therof / without fraude or coupn. Any thyng in this preſent acte to the cõtrary herof notwithſtandynge.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctorite aforeſayd / ꝑ if any perſon or perſons / haupnge one benefyce with cure of ſoule / beyng of the yereip value of. viii. li. or aboue / accept and take any other with cure of ſoule. And be inſtytuted & inducted in poſſeſſyõ of ꝑ ſame / that than & immedyatly after ſuche poſſeſſyon had therof. The fyrſt benefyce ſhall be adiuged in the lawe to be voyde. And ꝑ it ſhall be lawfull to euery patrone haupnge the auouſon therof to preſent another / & the preſentee to haue the benefyce of the ſame / in ſuche lyke maner & forme as though ꝑ incombent had dyed / or reſygned any lycence / vnpon or other diſpenſation to the contrary herof optepned notwithſtandynge. And that euery ſuche lycence / vnpon / or diſpenſation / had or hereafter to be optepned contrary to this preſent acte / of what name or names / qualyte or qualitees ſo euer they be / ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effect. And if any perſon or perſons at any tyme after the fyrſt day of Apryl / in the yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. & xxi. cõtrary to this preſent acte, procure & optepne at the court of Rome or els where any lycence or lycences / vnpon / tolleracyon / diſpenſation to receyue and take any mo benefyces with cure / thã is aboue ympytted / or els at any tyme after ꝑ ſayd day put in execucyõ any ſuch tolleracyon lycence, diſpenſation before ꝑ optepned contrary to this acte, ꝑ then euery ſuche ꝑſon or ꝑſons ſo after ꝑ ſaid day, ſuyng for hym ſelfe or receyuyng & takyng ſuch benefyce by force of ſuch lycence or lycences, vnpon, tolleracyõ, or diſpenſation, ꝑ is to ſay, the ſame ꝑſon or perſons onely & none other, ſhall for euery ſuch defaute incurre ꝑ daũger, payn, & penalty of. xx. li. ſterlyng. And alſo loſe ꝑ voyce ꝑfytes of euery ſuche benefyce or benefyces as he receyueth or taketh by force of any ſuch lycẽce or lycẽces, vnpõ, tolleracõ, or diſpẽſacõ. The one half of which forfeiture to be to the kyng our ſouerayne lorde. And ꝑ other half therof to him ꝑ wyll ſue for ꝑ ſame by originall wryt, byll, playnt of det, or informacion, in any of ꝑ kynges courtes. In whiche accion and ſute no wager of lawe, eſſon. or protection, for the defendaunt ſhall be admytted or alowed.

¶ Prouyded alwayes ꝑ this acte cõcernyng the nat hepyng of mo benefyces wt cure of ſoule than one. extende ne be prudiciall to any perſon or ꝑſons, which at any tyme before ꝑ ſaid fyrſt day of Apryl, in ꝑ yere of our lorde god. M. v. C. & xxi. ſhalbe really entytled & poſſeſſed of any ſuch benefyces wt cure of ſoule, as cõcernyng or touchyng any of ꝑ ſame benefyces, wherof they ſhal than be all redy really intytled or poſſeſſed before the ſayd day. or vnder ꝑ nõbre of. iiii. & nat aboue & yf any ſuche ſpirituall ꝑſon or ꝑſons ſo beyng entytled or poſſeſſed of mo benefyces with cure of ſoule thã. iiii. do nat by ꝑ ſaid fyrſt day of Apryl clerely & without perely penciõ reſygne or otherwyſe gyue vp all & euery ſuche benefyces & benefyce as he ſhalbe ſo entytled & poſſeſſed of, aboue the ſaid nombre, ꝑ thã it ſhalbe leſull for euery patron haupnge the auouſon of any ſuche benefyce ouer the nombre aforeſayd to preſent another, and the preſenter to haue the benefyt of the ſame in lyke maner & forme as though it had be voyd by deth or reſignacion of the ꝛcombent. any lycence, vnpon, or other diſpenſacyon to the cõtrary herof optepned notwithſtandynge. And this clauſe of preſentacion to be taken and vnderſtanden in and of ſuch benefyces with cure of ſoule, as were gyuen to any ſuche ſpirituall perſon after the ſayd nombre of. iiii. benefyces with cure furniſhed and fulfylled. ¶ Prouyded alſo that all ſpirytuat men now beyng or which hereafter ſhalbe of kynges counſell, may purchaſe lycence or diſpenſacion, & take, and receyue

and kepe

and kepe thre personages or benefyces with cure of soule, & that all other beyng the kynges chapleyns, & nat sworne of his councell, the chapleyns of the quene prynce or princesse, or any of ỳ kyngs children, bretherne, systers vncles, or aunces may semblably purchase lycence or dispensacion, and receyue & kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule, and in lyke wyse that euery archbysshop & duke may haue .iii. chapleyns, wherof euery one shall & may purchase lycence or dispensacion, and take receyue, & kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule. And ỳ euery marques, and erle may haue fyue chapleyns, wherof euery one may purchase lycence or dispensacion, & take, receyue, & kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule. And that euery vycecount & other bysshop, may haue foure chapleyns, wherof euery one may purchase lycence, and receyue, haue, and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule as is aforesayd. And that the chaunceliour of England for the tyme beyng, and euery baron and knyght of the garter may haue thre chapleyns, wherof euery one shall now purchase lycence or dispensacion, and receyue, haue, & kepe, two personages or benefyces with cure of soule. And ỳ euery duches, marches, counteſſe, & baronneſſe, beyng wydowes, may haue two chapleyns, wherof euery one of them may purchase lycence or dispensacion to receyue, haue, and kepe, two benefyces wt cure of soule. And that the treasourer & controller of the kynges house, the kynge secretary, & Deane of his chapell, the kynges almer, and the mayster of ỳ rolles, may haue euery of them .iii. chapleyns. And ỳ chefe Justyce of ỳ kynges benche, one chapleyn, and the wardeyn of ỳ fyue portes, for the tyme beynge, one chapleyn, wherof euery one may purchase lycence, and receyue, haue & kepe, two personages, or benefyces wt cure of soule. And that the bretherne & sones of all temporall lordes whiche are borne in wedlocke, may euery of them purchase lycence or dispensacion, and receyue, haue, & kepe, as many personages or benefyces with cure as ỳ chapleyns of a duke or an archbysshop. And lykewyse the bretherne and sones borne in wedlocke of euery knyght, may euery of them purchase lycence or dispensacion, & receyue, take and kepe two personages or benefyces with cure of soule.

¶ Prouyded alway that the sayd chapleyns so purchasyng, takyng, receyuyng, & kepyng benefyces with cure of soule as is aforesayd, shalbe bounde to haue & exhibyte where nede shalbe, letters vnder the sygne and seale of the kynge or other their lorde and mayster/testyfyenge whose chapleyns they be. And els nat to enioye any suche pluralite of benefyces by suche chapeleyn. Any thynge in thys acte nat withstandynge.

¶ Be it also prouyded that all doctours and bacheleers of diuinite/ doctours of lawe and bacheleers of the of the law canon / and euery of them whiche shalbe admytted to any of ỳ sayd degrees by any of the vniuersytees of this realme/ nat by grace only/ may purchase lycence & take/ haue/ & kepe / two personages or benefyces / with cure of soule. So that alwayes the sayd lybertye by any of the prouysyons before sayd gyuen to any of the sayd counceleers/ chapleyns / & other prons before specified) to purchase lycence or dispensacion / & take / receyue/ and kepe more benefyces than one/ after the maner & fourme aforesayd / be taken & vnderstanden to extende in nombre to no mo benefyces with cure of soule than is aboue sympted. Accomptyng & in the same and as parell therof suche benefyces with cure of soule as any of ỳ sayd prons shall haue in reall tytle or in their possession at the sayd fyrst daye of Aprill/ to the pere of oure lorde. god. M.CCCCC.xxx.

¶ Prouided also that euery archebyshop / because he must occupye .viii. chapeleyns at consecracyons of byshops. And euery byshop because he must occupy .vi. chapeleyns at gyuyng of ordres & consecracion of churches / may euery of the haue two chapeleyns ouer & aboue the nombre aboue limytted vnto them, wherof euery one may purchase lycence or dyspensacyon / and take, receyue, and kepe, as many personages & benefyces, with cure of soule as is before assygned to suche chapeleyns.

¶ Prouyded also & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, þ no pson or persons to whom any nombre of chapeleyns, or any chapeleyn by any of the prouysyons aforesaid is ymitted, shall in any wyse by colour of any of the same prouysyons, graunte, any spirytuall person or persons aboue the nombre to them appoynted, to receyue or kepe any mo benefyces with cure of soule, than is aboue limitted by this acte, any thynge specyfyed in the said prouysyons notwithstandynge, & yf they, do, than euery, suche spirituall person & persons so auaūced aboue the said nombre to incurre to the payn and penaltye conteyned in this acte.

¶ Be it also furthermore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that as well euery spirytuall person now beyng promoted to any archedeaconry, deanry, or dygnite in any monastery or cathedral church, or other churche conuentuall or collegiall, or beynge benefyced with any personage or vycarage, as all & euery spirytuall person and persons, which hereafter shalbe promoted to any of the said dygnytees, or benefyced with any personage or vycarage, frome the feest of saynt Mygbel þ archaungell next comynge, shall be personally resydent & abydynge in, at, and vpon his said dygnyte, prebende, or benefyce, or at one of them at the leest. And in case any suche spirytuall person at any tyme after þ sayd feest, kepe not residence at one of his said dygnytees, prebēde or benefices, as is aforesaid, but absent hym selfe wylfully by the space of one moneth togyder, or by the space of .iii. monethes to be accompted at seuerall tymes in any one yere, & make his resydence & abydynge in any other places by suche tyme, that than he shall forfet for euery suche defaut .x.li. sterlyng. The one half therof to þ kynge our soueraygne lorde, and the other halfe of the same to the partye that wyll sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes by originall wryt of det, bylle, playnt, or informacion. In which accyon and sute the defendaunt shall not wage his law nor haue any essoyn or protection alowed.

¶ And yf any person or persons procure or obteyn at the court of Rome or els wher any maner of lycence or dispensacyon to be none resydent at their sayd dygnytees, prebende or benefyces contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person or persons puttynge in execucyon any suche dispensacyon or lycence for hym selfe, from the fyrst day of Apryl, in the yere of our lorde god. M.v.C.xxx. shall ern & incurre in the penalty, damage, & payn of .xx.li. sterlyng for euery tyme so doyng / to be forfeyted and recouered as is aboue sayde. And suche lycence or dispensacyon so procured, or to be put in execucyon to be voyde and of none effecte.

¶ Prouyded always þ this acte of none residence, shall not in any wyse extende ne be preiudiciall to any suche spuall pson as shal chaūce to be in þ kynges seruyce beyond þ see, nor to any pson or psons goynge to any pylgrymage or holy place beyond þ see duryng þ tyme þ they shal so be in þ kynges seruyce or in their pylgrimages goyng and retournyng home, nor to any scoler or scolers beyng commensaunt and abydyng for study without fraude or couyn at any vnyuersite within this realme or without, nor to any of the chapeleyns of the kynge or quene, daily or quarterly attendynge & abydynge

abydyng in the kynges or quenes most honorable housholdes. Nor to any of the chapeleyns of ỳ pryuce or pryuces, or any of the kynges or quenes chyldren, brethren, or systerne, attendyng dayly in they honorable housholds, duryng so longe as they shall accompt in any of they sayde housholdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of any archebyshop, or byshop, or of any spirituall or temporall lordes of the playament, dayly attendyng, abydyng and remaynyng in any of they honourable housholdes. Nor to any chapeleyn of any duches, marques, counteise, vycounteise, or baronneise, attending dayly and abydyng in any of they honorable household. Nor to any chapeleyn of the lorde chaunceilour, or treiorer of England, the kynges chamberleyn, or stewarde of his housholde for the tyme beyng, the treasourer and countroller of the kynges moost honorable housholde for the tyme beynge, attendynge dayly in any they honorable housholders. Nor to any chapeleyne or any of the knyghtes of the honorable ordre of the garter, or of the chefe Justices of ỳ kynges benche, wardeyn of the portes, or also ỳ maister of the rolles. Nor to any chapeleyne of the kynges secretary, and deane of the chapell, or almer for ỳ tyme beyng, dayly attendynge & owellynge in any they household duryng the tyme that any suche chapeleyne or chapeleynes shall abyde and dwell without fraude or couyn in any of the sayde honorable housholde. Nor to the maister of the rolles, or kepar of ỳ archer. Nor to any chaucellour or cõpyssarye of any archbyshop or byshop. Nor to as many of the .xii. maysters of the chauncery and .xii. aduocates of the arches, as be, or hereafter shalbe spirituall men, durynge so longe tyme as they shall occupye they sayde romes & offices. Nor to any suche spirituall persons as shall happen by Iniunctyon of the lorde chaunceilloure, or ỳ kynges counsell to be bounde to any dayly apparaunce & attendaunce to answere to the law durynge the tyme of suche Iniunctyon.

¶ Prouyded also that it shalbe lefull to euery spirituall pson or persons beyng chapeleynes to ỳ kyng our souerayne lorde, to whom it shal please his hyghnes to gyue any benefyces or promocyons spirituall to what nombre so euer it be, to accepte and take the same, without incurrynge the daunger, penalty, and forfeyture in this estatute comprysed. And that also it shalbe lefull to the kynges hyghnes to gyue lycence to euery of his owne chapeleyns for none residence vpon they benefyces. Any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the actorite afore sayde that no spirytuall pson seculer or reguler, benefyced with cure as is afore rehersed, from ỳ feest of sayne Mychell the archaungell nexte comyng, by auctorite of any maner lycence, dispensacon or otherwyse, shall take any perticuler stypende or salary to synge for any soule, nor haue or occuppe by hym selfe or by any other to his vse any plonage or vycarage in terme, of the lease or graunt of any person or persons, nor take any profyte or rent out of any such ferme, vpon payne to forfeyt. xl. s. for euery such weke ỳ he or any to his vse shall occuppe, or haue any suche stypende or ferme contrary to this present acte. And vpon payne to lose .x. tymes the value of suche profite or rent as he shal take out of any suche ferme after the sayde feest. The one halfe of suche forfeytures to be to the kyng our souerayne lorde, and the other moyte to hym that will sue for the same by exygynall wryt, bill, playnt or det, or by informacon in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche sute and accon no wager of lawe shalbe admytted for the defendaunt, nor any essoyn or protectcon alowed.

¶ Prouyded alway ỳ no deanery, archdeaconry, chaunceller shyp, treasourer shyp

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chauterlyyp/or ꝓbende/in any cathedrall or collegiall churche/nor personage ꝑ hath a vycar indued/nor any benefyces perpetually appropriate/be taken or cõprehended vnder ꝑ name of benefyce/hauyng cure of soule in any article more specified. ¶ Prouyded also & be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde/that no spirituall person or persons/reguler or secular/or what estate/degre or condicyon so euer he or they be/from the fyrst day of Apryll next comyng/haue/vse/or kepe/by hym or them selfe/or by any person or persons to his or they⁹ vse or cõmodite/any maner tanhouse or tanhouses to be vsed or occupied to his or they⁹ owne vse/comodite/or behofe/nor from ꝑ sayde fyrst day of Aprill next comyng/shall haue/vse/or kepe/any maner of brewehous or brewehouses/to any other vse/intent or behofe/thã only to be spent & occupied in his or they⁹ owne houses/vpon payne to forfeyt for euery moneth so vsyng & occuppeng any of ꝑ sayde mysteries or occupacyons .x.li. The one moyte therof to the kyng our soueraygne lorde/& the other moyte to hym ꝑ wyll sue for the same by originall writ/bill/playnt or det/or informacyon/in any of the kynges courtes. In which acyon & sute no wager of law shalbe admytted for ꝑ defendaunt/ne any essoyn nor protectyon alowed. ¶ Prouyded always ꝑ euery duchesse/marques/countesse/baronnesse/wydowes/which haue taken or ꝑ hereafter shall take any husbandes vnder ꝑ degre of a baron/may take such nõbre of chapleins as is aboue limitted to thẽ being wydowes. And ꝑ euery such chapleyn may purchase lycence to haue & take such nõbre of benefyces wᵗ cure of soule/& haue lyke lyberty of non residence & maner & forme as they myght haue done if they⁹ sayd ladyes & maystresses had kept thẽ selfe wydowes. Any thyng in this present acte conteyned to ꝑ cõtrary nat withstandyng. ¶ Prouided alway ꝑ euery spirituall ꝑson or ꝑsons hauyng landes/tenementes/or other possessyons in ꝑ ryght of they⁹ houses aboue the yerely value of .xiii.li. marches/may kepe & retayn to they⁹ occupacyon & manurance as muche as they⁹ sayde lãdes & tenementes & other possessions as shalbe necessary & sufficient for pasturage of they⁹ catteis/& for tyllage of cornes to be imployed & spent for the only mayntenance/sustentacyon & keppyng of his or they⁹ housholdes and hospytalites/without fraude or coueyn. Any thynge in this present acte to the contrary therof notwithstandynge. ¶ Prouyded alway that it may be lefull to euery spirytuall person and persons/to take in ferme any meases/manysons/or dwellynge houses/haynge but onely orchardes or gardeyns/in any cyte/borough/& towne for they⁹ owne habitacyõ or dwellyng. Any thing in this acte to ꝑ cõtrary natwᵗstandyng. So ꝑ no ꝑson spuall other thã be aboue prouyded for/for they⁹ none residence haue any lyberty of none residence by colour of this yuisa.

¶ An acte concernynge lynnyn clothe/called bowlas and lokerams. Ca.xiiii.

In moste humble wyse sheweth vnto the kynges highnes/& to the lordes spyrytuall and temporall/& the comons in this present parlyament assembled. The lynnen drapers inhabytaunces within the cytye of London/vsyng to sell lynnen cloth called bowlas & lokeram/of the commodytes wrought and made in Brytayne in the partyes beyonde the see/that where by all the tyme whereof mynde of man is nat to ꝑ contrary/in the tyme of the kynges most noble progenytours/all suche marchantes as well Englysshe as straungers/as at any tyme brought or conueyed the sayde bowlas and lokeram in to this realme of Englande/brought and conueyed the same in peces or halfe

or halfe peces / euery hole pece of the wlas conteynynge in length .v. fore els of allyse / accopyng to euery ell one yache of allyse / & in bredth .i. yarde of allyse / & euery halfe pece .i. elles in length / & .i. parde of bredth of lyke allyse. And all the hole pece & halfe pece of one goodnes in makynge / as well euery pece of loberam to be of lyke length / as the hole pece of Dowlas / & euery halfe pece of loberam to be of lyke length / as ỹ halfe pece of dowlas / & euery suche hole pece & halfe pece to be in bredth a hole parde / lackyng a naple of the parde / & euery pece & halfe pece to be in lyke goodnes by all the length of the same pece / whiche whan it was to sled / was to the great profyte of all ỹ kynges subiectes. And now of late wtin ỹ space of .xx. or .xxx. yeres passed / dyuers persons for theyr owne synguler lucres haue brought all the said Dowlas & loberā in halfe peces / which halfe pece lacketh in euery suche one halfe pece of ỹ due length .iiii. or .v. elles / & some more & some lesse / beyde ỹ bredth of allyse & accustomed / to ỹ great & extreme hurt of the kynges poore subiectes / occupyers, byers / & sellers of the same. It may therfore please your highnes / with the assent lordes spirituall & temporall / & the comons i this plent parlyament assembled & by the auctorite of the same / to enacte & establysshe / that no person or persons / englysshe nor straūger / denyzyn or alyen / from or after ỹ feest of saynt Mygheil the archaungell next comynge / shal bryng & conuey / or cause to be conueyed or brought / by any maner of meanes into this realme of Englande any of the sayde lynnen clothe called Dowlas and loberams / so to be broughte or conueyed in to this realme / nat conteynynge / ỹ full lengthes / bredes / goodnes, and in allyses as, is before sayd and / as here tofore in olde tymes hath ben accustomed and sled / vnder payn of forfeture of the same dowlas loberam so to be broughte or conueyd in to this realme / nat conteynynge ỹ full length / bredth / goodnes / and allyse / or the value therof the one halfe to ỹ kyng our souerayne lorde / & the other halfe of ỹ sayd forfeture to hym or them that shall take or seale ỹ same / or sue for ỹ same by action / or informacion, byll or otherwyse. In which actions / sutes or informacions / no wager of lawe nor essoin shall be admytted.

¶ An acte that all termers may entope theyr lesses agaynst recouerees had by fayned tytles / and falsely the same recouerees. Ca. xb.

Where afore this tyme dyuers persons haue made leases of theyr maners / landes / tenementes / and other hereditamentes / somtyme by theyr indentures / and somtyme without wrytynges / to other persons for terme of yeres / takynge of them great fynes for the incommes of the same leasses / and after the same leassours / theyr heyres or assygnes / haue caused and suffred recouerees to be had, agaynst, them in the court of our souerayne lorde the kynge / and in other lordes courtes / vpon fayned and vntrew tytles / by crafte or couyn to put the sayd termers from theyr said tymes. And after suche recouerees had / the same recouerees / by reason of suche recouerees and iudgementes / haue entred into the same maners / landes / tenementes, & other hereditamentes so to ferme letten / and therof haue expulled the sayd termers contrary to theyr sayd leasses / couenantes / and agrementes. And bycause it was doubted to some persons whether the sayd termers myght falsyfye suche recouerees or nat.

¶ Be it therfore enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde / by assent of ỹ lordes spirytuall and temporall / and the comons in this present parlyament assembled / and by the auctorite of ỹ same / that all suche termers shall & may falsefy for his terme onely suche recouerees / as well here / tofore had / as / hereafter / to be had / in suche / wyse / and

fourme as a tenaũt of a freholde / shall & may do by the course of ꝑ cõmon lawe / where such tenaũt of freholde was neyther pur no; ꝑtie to ꝑ same recouere. And ꝑ the same termes / they; executours & assygnes / notwithstandyng suche recouerers so had / shall retayne / holde / & enioye they; sayde termes accordyng to they; sayd ieiles agaynst all suche recouerers / they; heyres & assygnes as they sholde or myght haue done agaĩst ꝑ sayde iellours / if such recouery had not be had ne suffred / & ꝑ ꝑ same recouerer / they; heyres & assygnes after suche recouery so had / shal haue lyke remedy agaynst ꝑ sayde termes they; executours & assignes / by auowry or accyon of wast for ꝑ rentes & seruyces reserued vpon the same ieiles beyng due after ꝑ same recouerers / & also lyke actions agaynst them for wast done after the same recouerers so had / in lyke maner & fourme as ꝑ sayde iellours shulde or myght haue had if the same recouerers had neuer be had And also be it further enacted by the auctoryte aforesayde / that no maner of statute of the staple / statute marchaunt / nor execucyon by elegit / be hereafter auoyded / or in any wyse made frustrate by meanes of any suche fayned recouerye / but that all persons hauyng any landes / tenementes / or other hereditamẽtes in execucyon / or beyng intytled to haue execucion of any maners / landes / or tenemẽtes by any suche meanes shall haue by force by this estatute lyke remedy to auoyde and falsefy the same recouerers as before is ordeyned and prouyded for the ieiles for terme of yeres.

¶ An acte concernyng artificers straungers. Ca. xvi.

Rayen ꝑ comons in this ꝑsent parliament assembled ꝑ where in the .xv. day of Februarye / in the .xx. yere of the reygne of our nowe most gracyous souerayne lorde kynge Henry ꝑ .viii. by our sayde souerayne lorde ꝑ kyng / his most honorable coũcell in his Sterre chambre at westm / for ꝑ comon welth of his naturall subiectes borne within this his realme by grete and delyberate aduyse / it was demed / aduudged / & decreed / ꝑ no straũger artificer borne out of our sayde souerayne lorde his obeysaũce / inhabityng wt in any cyte / borough / or any other place within this his realme of England / fro hensforth shulde kepe in his or they; house or houses / any maner of straungers seruauntes borne out of his obeysaunce but only .ii. seruautes straũgers & no mo at one tyme. And also all & synguler straũgers ꝑ than were or after ꝑ makyng of the sayde decree shulde be made denysen that at the tyme or after ꝑ makyng therof wolde inhabyte within ꝑ cyte of London / subbarbes / or within .ii. myles compas of ꝑ same / & kepe or wolde kepe houses or occupy they; craft shuld be contributaries to & with our sayde souerayne lorde his subiectes artificers within ꝑ sayde cyte of London payeng / berying / or susteynyng / such charges as hereafter shalbe expressed / ꝑ is to say / ꝑ al other straũgers artificers / denysens or no denisens of euery hãdy craft / or mystery / inhabityng aswell wt in ꝑ cyte of London as in any other cyte / towne / borough / or vyllage wt in this realme / shulde pay / bere / & susteyn / al suche & lyke charges as our sayde souerayne lorde his subiectes of lyke craft & mistery / do always vse to pay. ¶ And if any of them refused or denyed the same or any parte therof / than he or they so refusyng or refusyng so to do / shuld nat any longer occupy any handy craft vpon ꝑ paines damag; & parels / specifyed aswel in ꝑ actes & statutes made in ꝑ .xiiii. & .xv. peres of the reygne of our nowe souerayne lorde / as in one estatute made in ꝑ fyrst yere of ꝑ reygne of kyng Rychard ꝑ . iii. And the same straũgers / denisens or no denisens housholders / which wold remayne and abyde wt in our sayde souerayne lorde his realme / shuld vpon lawful warnyng to them gyuen by ꝑ mayster & wardens of dyuers & sondry misteryes / mencyoned & specified

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in the sayd bertes w^in the sayd cyties and townes / present them selfe in the common halle or metynge place of the sayd crafftes / and there to receyue and take their othe / and be sworne vpon the holy Euangelystbefore the mayster and wardeyns of theyr sayd crafte to be lyege and trew to the kynge our souerayne lorde / and his heyres kynges of Englande / and to be obedient to hym and them and his and theyr lawes.

¶ Also that no straunger artyficer or handy crafftes man borne out of our sayd souerayne lorde his obeysaunce / nat beynge denysen / which was nat a housholder. ỳ. xb. daye of February aboue sayd / shulde nat set vp ne kepe any house / shoppe / shoppes / or chambre / wherein they shulde exercyse or occuppe any handy crafte or mysterye / within thys our sayd souerayne lorde his realme / vppon payne to incurre and renne into suche penalteys as be conteyned in the statutes before this tyme made and enacted as is aforesayd. And that none of the sayd straungers artyficers or handy crafftes men borne out of our sayd souerayne lorde his obeysaunce / as wel denysens as no denysens / shulde assemble in any company / felowshyppe / congregacion or couen-cycle, but onely in the comon halle of their crafftes, with our sayd souerayne lorde his subiectes, whiche be of the companyes of theyr sayd crafte or crafftes, at suche tyme as they shulde be commaunded and warned by the sayd mayster and wardeyns of their sayd crafte or crafftes, and at none other place and tyme, or in any other maner, vppon the payne afore expressed, as by the sayd bertes shewed and remembred, and here vnto annexed vnder our sayde souerayne lorde the kynge his great seale more playnly and at large it may and dothe appere, that for ỳ comon welthe aboue sayd it may be enacted by the kynge our souerayne lorde, the lordes spirytuall & temporall, and the comons in this present parlyament assembled, and by ỳ auctorite of the same that the sayd order and bertes, had, gyuen, & made, by our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge, his moost honorable counsell, & all and euery thynge therin conteyned, specyfyed & declared, be holden and obserued fyrme and stable, and duely to be put in execucion, in euery poynt and artycle, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed, accordynge to the purporte, effecte, and trewe meanynge of the same,

¶ Be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aboue sayde, that the acte made in the parlyament begon at London the .xb. day of Aprill, in the .xiiii. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lorde the kyng that now is, & from London adiourned to westm the last daye of July, in the .xb. yere of the reygne of our sayde souerayne lorde concernynge straungers artificers, for takynge of apprentyces, tournemen, & couenaunt seruauntes, and euery artycle and prouysyons conteyned in the same acte, shall be from henceforth put in due execucyon according to the trewe entent, meanynge, & purporte, of the same, as well within the cyte of London as in all other cyties, boroughes and townes corporate within this realme, and the same to endure perpetuall, any thynge conteyned in the said acte or decree, to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ Prouyded always ỳ no artificer alyaūt or straūger borne out of ỳ kynges obeysaūce, beyng a housholder or inhabityng w^in any of ỳ vniuersites of Oxford & Cambridge, or w^in the lentwary of saynt Martyn le graūt w^in ỳ cyte of Londō shall from hensforth haue or retayn in their seruyce tournemē, or apprentyces beyng alyaūtes or straūgers borne, aboue ỳ nōbre of .x. persons at one tyme, vpō payne of ỳ penalte conteyned i the said acte made in ỳ said xxiii. ỳ. xb. yere of our sayd souerayn lorde.

The prouysyons conteyned or specified in the same acte nat withstandynge

¶ The decree made in the Sterre chambre for artificers straungers by the kynges moost honourable councell the .xx. day of Februarij in the xx. yere of the reygne of our souerayne lorde kynge Henry the .viii.

Enricus octauus dei gratie Anglie et Francie rex fidei defensor⁹ et dominus Hibernie. Oibus ad quos p̄sentes littere peruenerint salutem. Inspeximus quoddam breue nostrum de Certiorand Thome Cyot clerico concilij nostri directi et in filacijs Cācellar nostre residēn in hec verba. Dilecto sibi Thome Cyot armigero clerico concilij nostri salutem. Volentes certis de causis certiorare super tenore cuiusdam finalis decreti coram nobis et consilio nostro habit de et super execucione quorundam statutorum et ordinationū contra alienigen exercentes artes et artificia manualia inhabitantes infra regnum nostrum Anglie/ ediler et prout tibi precipimus quod tenorem finalis decreti predict cum oibus eam tangentibus nobis in Cancellar nostram sub sigillo tuo distincte et aperte sine dilacione mittas et hoc breue. T. me ipso apud westmonesterū .xiiii. die Aprilis. Anno regni nostri vicesimo. Inspeximus etiam quoddam decretū per nos et concilium nostrū apud westm̄ in Camera stellata redditum et in filaciis eiusdem Cancellar nostre similiter residēn in hec verba.

Where of late our trewe & faythful subiectes/ artificers/ and handy craftes men borne vnder our obeysaunce/ inhabityng w^in our cyte of London & the subarbes of ỹ same/ exhibited vnto vs a lamentable bill of complaynt conteynynge that nat withstandyng many good & necessary statutes & actes of parlyament haue ben edified/ ordeyned and made. And especiall one in the fyrst yere of kyng Richarde the .iii. And the other beyng made/ in ỹ yere of ỹ reygne of our derest father of noble memory/ Henry the .vii. late kynge of this our realme/ & in the .xiiii. & .xv. yere of our reygne. Concernynge ỹ straūgers artificers & handy craftes men borne out of our obeysaunce/ dwelynge & exercysynge handy craftes within this our realme of Englande/ as well for the restrayntynge of ỹ excessyue nombre & vnreasonable behauyour of the same straungers artificers borne out of our obeysaunce/ which by contynuall resorte & repayre into this our sayd realme/ dayly encreased/ to the great detryment of our owne naturall subiectes/ artificers of ỹ same handy craftes & mysteryes. And of other sondry inconuenyentes by occasyon ỹ dyuers of the said subiectes/ for lacke of occupacion/ fall vnto ydlenes/ as also for ỹ reformacyon of sondry disceytes & falshodes practysed by the sayd straungers artificers in theyr said handy craft/ to ỹ great damage & losse of vs & of all our said naturall subiectes. The said straūgers artificers nothyng pondryng or dredyng ỹ said statutes nor ỹ penaltyes in the same cōteyned & expressed/ cease nat cōtynuously/ as well to abuse ỹ said statutes/ as moost parte entierly to contynue & breke ỹ same. And ye accumulate frō tyme to tyme more offences & enormytes/ as well agayn̄ our prerogatyue as to ỹ detriment of the comon welth of this our realme/ & our louyng subiectes

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of the same / for whā any serche shall be made in euery handy crafte within any cyte / towne / or borough corporate / w^in our sayd realme by our subiectes the said wardes and other ordeyned by the sayd last acte of hādy crafte men w^in any cyte / towne / or borough corporate. And one householder straūgers borne out of our obeysaūce inhabityng within our said cyte / towne / or borough corporate / vsyng any hādy craft / be he denyse or nat denyse. The said straūgers beyng a householder as before is said / beyng lawfully warned & required therunto / according to ỳ said acte other wyse refuse to do his dutie therin / or els he wyl geue secret warnyng therof to hi brethrne of ỳ said crafte / wherby they haue nat only conueyed & hyd al their vnlaw^full vntrue / subtyl & disceptfull ware / which they vntruly / subtely / vnlawfullye / & deceytfully / haue made & dayly make & vtter to our subiectes at excessyue & vnreasonable prys to ỳ great detrymēt & damages of our said subiectes / but also their seruaūtes & prētyces / they haue hyde from ỳ knowlege of ỳ said wardens / whā any such serche hath happened to be made / & so they defraude ỳ same good & honorable estatute & acte / so ỳ therof no lawful punyshmēt coulo / can / myght / or maye sue / according to ỳ tenure purporte / & effect of ỳ said statute / but they cōtēpne / dispyse & set at nought ỳ same / wherby & by ỳ other vnlawful meanes aforesaid & others subtyly sendyng & conueyenge ouer ỳ see bacō / chese / powdered beffes / mottōs & other cōmodytes within this our realme / nat only within and out of ỳ said cyties / townes / & boroughes corporat. But also within and out of other places throughout our realme by them ỳ said straūgers practysed and executed / wherby they dayly encrease in great rychesse & in great multytude in nōbres of straūgers / hādy crafty mē borne out of our obeysaūce. And whā they haue gathered moch rychesse & money / they agaynst our lawes cōuey ỳ same money ouer the see. And than they also go ouer the see into their coūtris / & there purchase thē landes & tenementes with parte therof and with ỳ residue of the same they lyue therby and somtymes they conuerte parte therof to the vse of our enemyes in those partes And sa alwel our poore subiectes Coordwayners / and also our subiectes hādy craftmen / borne within our obeysaūce / by ỳ meanes aforesaid before impouerysshed / mpnysshed & almoost vtterly decayed & destroyed / many of thē for lacke of occupacyon in the said handy craftes / be cōstrayned to lyue in idlenesse by occasyō wherof they do contynually fall to theste / murder / & other great offences / & consequently in great nombres be put to dethe by our lawes as we be informed. And also ỳ great scarcyte of grayne and vyttell at this present tyme throughout this our realme to be the more enforced / & caused by reason of great multytudes & contynuall recours of ỳ said straūgers / handy craftes men / whiche consume a great porcyon of corne and bytayle / growen and bred within this our realme. The premysses considered to the entent to be therof more parfytly and trewly instructed / for the charytable zele ỳ we haue to the cōmen weale of our realme and our saide subiectes of the same. And for the quyetnesse of the saide straungers / we haue assygned and gyuen in cōmaūdement to our lordes / & other of our counsell / indyfferently to examyne the premysses / and alwell to here the said complaynte / as the said defendaūntes / and their allegeaunces and sayinges / of in / & to the premysses / and to euery parte therof / and the same by thē harde / examyned / and by good delyberate aduyse bydersta^nden / to ordeyn / adiudge and decree the same / after their wysdomes & discrecyons / where vpon alwell the byll of complaynt / the answere of the sayd defendaūtes there vnto made / the reporte of the sayde complaynaūntes to the sayde answere also made. And

allegeauntes & sayinges of bothe the sayd partyes / by mature and delyberate aduyse by our sayde counsell repeyre / examyned / herde / and vnderstande.

¶ It is ordeyned / & adiuged / & decreed / the .x. day of Februarie / in this psent terme of saynt Hylarii / in the .xx. yere of our reygne / in our Sterred chambre by the moost reuerent fader in god lorde Thomas Cardynall legate de latere / of ꝑ apostolyke see Archebyshop of yorke / prymate and chaunceloure of England / and by our nobles and others of our sayd councell / and by the mutuall assentes of the complaynauntes and defendauntes thyn there beynge / in maner and forme folowynge. That is to say that accordynge to the acte of parlyament made the sayde . xiiii . and . xv . yere of oure reygne / that no straunger artyficer borne out of our obeysaunce / inhabytyng / within any cyte / towne / or borough / or any other place within this our realme of England frome tyens to tyme / shall kepe in his or their house or houses / any maner of seruauntes straungers borne out of our obeysaunce / but onely tow straungers seruauntes / and no more at one tyme. And that as many of the straungers / artyficers nowe inhabytynge within any cyte / towne / or borough corporate / or in any other place / within our realme / ꝑ wyl be apprentyces or seruauntes to or with any of our subiectys artyficers borne within our obeysaūce exercysynge newe or olde stuffe / inhabytyng within our realme / shall be suffred so to abyde / and dwell with them / without interrupcō as longe as they wyll so contynue and abyde / with them / and can agre together.

¶ And furthermore it is decreed that it shall be lefull to all & euery of ꝑ sayd straungers artyficers nowe beynge householders within our sayd realme / to take as many of our subiectes borne within our obeysaunce / to be their seruauntes or apprentyces in the crafte / that they do exercyse as they can lawfully gette. And ꝑ all ꝑ straungers artyficers nowe beynge householders within our sayd cyte of London / subarbes / parysshes / or compas therof / expressed in the sayd statutes / or within .ii. myles cōpas of the sayde parysshes. And also all & synguler straungers that nowe be / or hereafter shall be made denysens / that do or hereafter wyll inhabyte within oure sayde cyte of London / subbarbes / or parysshes afore sayde or within two myles compasse of the same / and kepe houses and occuppe their crafte / shall be contributorye to and / with our subiectes artyficers within our cyte of London / payenge / berynge / and sustenynge suche charges as hereafter shall be expressed. That is to saye / as well euery of the sayde straungers beynge of the crafte and mysterye of Cordewayners / householders / or denysens that nowe be / or here after shall be made denysens / and shall inhabyte within oure sayde cyte / subarbes / parysshes / or two myles compasse of the same / shall quarterly paye to the sayde mayster / wardens / and commynaltye of the sayde crafte of Cordewayners / within oure sayde cyte of London for the tyme beynge . vi. d. And euery seruaunt straunger of the sayde occupacyon of the sayde Cordewayners within the sayd cyte / subarbes / and pyncte / not beynge denysem / shall quarterly paye to the sayde maysters / wardens / and commynaltye . iii . d . And that all other straungers artyficers and Denysens / of euery handye / crafte and mysteryes / inhabytynge as well within our sayde cyte of London / as in any other cyte or towne within this oure realme / shall paye / bere / and sustayne all suche and lyke charges as our subiectes of lyke crafte and mysterye borne out of oure obeysaunce / inhabytynge within the cyte / borough / towne / of their inhabytacyon at thys tyme / do sustayne / And also all straunges artyficers / and denysens exercysynge

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the crafte ꝛ mystery of Coꝛdewayners dwellyng out of our sayde cytye of London in any other cytye oꝛ towne within this our realme / shall pay / bere / and sustayne / scotte / taxes / tallage / subsidyes / prestes / ꝛ all other reasonable exactions from tyme to tyme / accoꝛdyng as the foꝛesayde maysters / wardens / and companyes of the sayde crattes foꝛ the tyme beyng / shalbe bounde to pay / bere / and sustayne / whan any subsidye / taxe tallage / oꝛ prest / oꝛ other reasonable charges shall by the mayꝛe and aldermen of our sayde cyte of London ꝛ the Shayꝛes ꝛ aldermen of our sayde other cytyes / and townes / oꝛ by the comon counsell of the sayde cytye / cytyes / and townes / of and foꝛ any charges oꝛ paymentes of money to be payde by ẏ cõpanyes of ẏ sayde crattes cytezens of any cytye / foꝛ any payment to be made vnto the kynges hyghnes / oꝛ hys hieres / oꝛ els to be payde foꝛ any cause concernyng the comon welth of any our sayde cityes oꝛ townes / oꝛ comon welth of the sayde artificers / the sayde straungers shall pay all the same that they shalbe assessed oꝛ taxed to paye / as contributoꝛies with the sayde companyes beyng our subiectes / as our sayde subiectis shalbe assessed ꝛ taxed to pay. And if any of them deny oꝛ refuse the same / oꝛ any parte therof / than he oꝛ they denyeng and refusyng so to do / shall nat only lose the benefyte of this decre / but also shall nat any longer occupy any handy crafte / vpon the paynes / daũgers / and parels specifyed in the aboue remembꝛed actes and statutes.

¶ And ẏ aswel al ꝛ euery of the sayde housholders straũgers afoꝛesayde / as al other straungers artificeers / made oꝛ to be made denyzens / that shalbe housholders / ꝛ inhabyte and occupy any crafte within our sayde cytye / suburbes / oꝛ .ii. myle compas of ẏ same as longe as they shall remayne ꝛ abyde within ẏ sayde cytye / suburbes and .ii. myle compas of the same / beyng reasonably requyꝛed ꝛ warned by the wardens and other pꝛsons gouernours in any cytye / towne / oꝛ boꝛow / coꝛpoꝛat of theyꝛ sayde craft w^t in any of our sayde cyties oꝛ townes coꝛpoꝛate / oꝛ by any of the foꝛ the tyme beyng oꝛ by theyꝛ lawfull deputies oꝛ deputye / shall go with ẏ sayde wardeyns oꝛ other gouernours there as mo wardens be / to make serche accoꝛdyng to ẏ aboue remembꝛed actes of parlyament made in the . xiiii. ꝛ. xv. yere of our reygne / whiche if they refuse to do / and that pꝛoued befoꝛe the chauncelloure of Englande / oꝛ beforе the mayꝛe of London / and other cyties / beforе the chefe persons of the sayde cyties oꝛ townes / foꝛ the tyme beyng / that than ẏ same housholders oꝛ householder / to offendyng / denyeng oꝛ refusyng ẏ same / shal no lẽger ẏ same his occupacion exercise oꝛ vse w^t in this our realme / vpon / payne / perell / ꝛ daũger expꝛessed in ẏ afoꝛe remembꝛed actes ꝛ statutes. and ẏ the same straũgers artificers denyzẽs oꝛ nat denyzẽs housholders / whiche wyl remayne ꝛ abyde within our sayde realme / shal vpon lawful notyce them gyuen by ẏ mayster oꝛ wardeyns of theyꝛ crafte / oꝛ one of them personally pꝛesent themselues in the comon hall oꝛ metyng place of theyꝛ sayde crattes / within our sayde cyties ꝛ townes / there as they be inhabytyng. And than and there euery of them to receyue and take theyꝛ othes / ꝛ be swoꝛne vpon the holy Euangelist / beforе the mayster and wardeyns of theyꝛ sayde craft ꝛ mystery / within our sayde cyties ꝛ townes coꝛpoꝛate / to be faythfull ꝛ true to vs and our heyꝛes kynges of Englande. And to be obedient to vs and them and our and theyꝛ lawes / and to all actes / oꝛdinaunces / and decrees made and confyꝛmed by vs and our counsell / oꝛ by our counsell / and dewely and trewely at all tymes whan they shall be appoynten by the wardeyns of theyꝛ felowe shyppe / crafte / oꝛ mysterye / foꝛ the tyme beynge / oꝛ theyꝛ deputyes / to make serche

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wᵗ them accordyng to the purport tenure or effect of an estatute & acte of parlyament made in the.xiiii.& xv. yere of our reygne / and haue warnynge & monycyon therof by the wardeyns or any of them / or any other theyr sufficyent deputye or deputies in ꝑ behalfe to them made and gyuen. And ꝑ they shall be redy, to go with the sayde wardeyns to make the same serche. And that they shall nat gyue notyce to any straunger of the sayd serche / vntyll tyme they with the sayd wardeyns come togyther to make ꝑ sayd serche / and that they shall well / and dylygently / and trewly / behaue, them, in, the same. Set all affeccyon / fauoure / mayne / and dyrede / of any creature / and all fraude and deceyte a parte. So helpe them god and all sayntes / and by the holy Euãgelyst And they / or ethe so receyued in forme aforesayd / the sayd straungers shall pay for theyr admyssyon / accordynge as our sayd subiectes haue alway vsed to pay. ¶ It is also further decreed that no straunger artyficer / or handy craftes man / borne out of our obeysaũce / nat beyng denysyn whiche at ꝑ day of the makynge of this decre is nat a housholder within this our realme / or kepeth any shoppe or shoppes within the sayd cyte and suburbes / or any other cyte / towne / or borough / within thys our realme shall frome that daye forwarde set vp or kepe / any house / shoppe / or chamber / within our cyte of London suburbes / or parysshes before rehersed / or within any other cyte / towne / borough / or vyllage / within / this our realme / wherin he shall exercyse / and practyse any handy craft or mistery / vpon payn to incurre and ren in such penal tyes, as be conteyned / in the statutes / before thys tyme made and enacted. ¶ And that none of the sayd, straungers. artyficers, or handy craftes men borne out of our obeysaũce, as well denysens as other shall assemble in any company, felyshyp, cõgregacyõ, or cõuentycle but only in the common hall of theyr craftes, with our subiectes / whiche be of the cõpany of theyr sayd crafte or craft / at such tyme as they shalbe commaunded and warned by the mayster and wardens of the sayd crafte or craftes, and at none other place & tyme, or in any other maner vpon payne afore exprssed. ¶ Prouyded alway that this decree & euery parte therof cõcernyng the craftes & mystery of Corderwayners shall extende as well to the cõ ꝑ worke olde stuffe as newe, within our cyte of London, the suburbes of the same / or in any other cyte / towne / borough / or vyllage / wᵗin this our realme of Englãde. ¶ Prouyded also ꝑ nat withstãdyng any wordes cõprysed in this decree / the straũgers / artyficers / denysens or nat denysens inhabytynge in the vniuersyties of Orenforde / and Cambrydge / & within the sentwary of saynt martyns le graut within the cyte of London / shall enioye al the benefytes and aduaũtages reserued vnto them by reason of any prouysion made by acte of parlyament expressed in ꝑ statute made in the. xiiii. and.xv. yere of our reygne. So ꝑ the sayd straũgers denysens or nat denysens / inhabytyng within ꝑ sayd sentwary of saynt Martyns le graunt / be cõformable to suche dyrecciõ & order as shall be taken by ꝑ reuerẽde father in god Cuthberte bysshop of Lõdõ / syr Rychard Broke knyght cheef baron of our escheker / syr Johñ Moyle knyght / one of the Justyces of our benche syr Johñ Dauey / & syr Johñ Meyn knyght / to whome we haue of late dyrected our letters patẽtes / & by the same gyuen them power and auctorite / cõmaundyng them and euery of thẽ to cause the house of euery straũger & denysen artyficer inhabytyng and dwellyng wᵗin ꝑ said sentwary to be serched & vewed / how many seruaũtes he or they kepe borne out of our obeysaũce / & they beyng all vewed & sene / than to appoynt to euery of ꝑ sayd straũgers housholders inhabytyng within ꝑ sayd sẽtwary by thẽ in forme aforesayde so tryed / to be within the bondes and symptes of ꝑ sayde

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ſentuary ſuche nombre of ſeruauantes ſtraungers borne out of our obeyſaunce/ as they by their diſcrecions ſhall thynke cõuenyẽt & ſufficient & nat to be to any detri-ment vnto our ſubiectes inhabytauntes within our ſaid cytye. ¶Alſo cõmaũdynge in our name all & euery ỹ ſayd ſtraungers/denyſens/houſholders/ ỹ they from hen-forth nat kepe within theyr houſes or in any other houſethoppe or chambre with-in our ſaid cytye of London/ or the ſubarbes of the ſame/ any mo ſeruaũtes beynge borne out of our obeyſaunce than ſhalbe to them at the tyme by them appoynted/ as they wyll auoyde ỹ daunger and penaltie of our lawes/ & what they haue done in ỹ premyſſes that they do certyfye to vs and to our counſell into our ſterre chambre at weſtmynſter at the.xv.day of Eſter nert comynge. In wytneſſe wherof we wyl aſwel the ſayd decrees as all other the premyſſes ſhalbe exemplyfyed vnder our ſeale. Nos autem tenorem breuis decreti predict ad requiſitionem magiſtri et gardianorum ar-tis ſiue miſterie auiutariorum ſiue Corderwayners London duximus exemplificandum per preſentes. In cuius rei teſtimonium has litteras noſtras fieri fecimus pa-tentes. Teſte me ipſo apud weſtm̃ vicesimo die Aprilis. Anno regni noſtri viceſimo

¶An acte for the adnullynge of the letters patentes made to the cytie. of yorke concernynge ſhyppyng. of wolles. Ca.xvii.

Where as the kynge or ſouerayne lorde vpon fayned ſuggeſtyon ſurmyſed to his highnes to haue ben for thaduauncement of his aũcient cyte of yorke by his let-... tres patentes graunted vnto the Mayre and cyteſens of the ſame cyte of yorke to ſhyp conuey tranſport/ and cary vnto ỹ port of Hull in the countie of yorke/ wol-les & felles/ of the growyng of dyuers places in the ſaid countye expſſed as in ỹ ſayd letters patentes may appere/ the tenure wherof her after enſueth. ¶Hery ỹ.viii. by the grace of god kynge of Englãd & of Fraũce/ defẽder of ỹ fayth/ & lorde of Irelande to all & euery our Juſtices/mayres/ſherypffes/baylyffes/cuſtomers/ controllers/ cõ-ſtables & all other our lyeges & ſubiectes/ as well within the lyberties as without/ gretynge/know you ỹ we of our eſpecyal grace/ mere motyon & lyberalyte/ hauyng a tender zele & loue to thencreaſe/ auaunceme̅t/ & amendement/ of our aũcient cyte of yorke/ haue gyuen & graũted/ & by theſe p̃ſentes gyue & graũt for vs & our heyres as moche as in vs is vnto our louynge & humble ſubiectes/ ỹ mayre & cyteyens of ỹ ſaid cyte & to euery of the̅/ & to their heires and ſucceſſours/ & to the heires & ſucceſſours of euery of the̅ as longe as they inhabyte and dwell within our ſaid cyte & be free of the ſame/ fre lyberte & lycẽce from henforth frõ tyme to tyme/ to ſhyppe cõuey/ tranſ-ſporte/ & cary vnto our porte of Hull/ in our countie of yorke/ & from thenſe to all fo-reyn contreys & regions at their pleaſure by the̅ ſelfes/ their apprẽtyces/ tourneyme̅ and factours to their owne vſe onely. All/ ſuche wolles & felles whiche any of ỹ ſayd cyteyẽs inhabyted in our ſaid cyte & beyng fre therof by their featour and polyces of marchãdiſe or otherwyſe/ may lawfully attayne & come by of the ſayd breed/ fallynge growyng & encreaſyng/ within the lymyttes & places of Houdenſhyre/ Marcheläde the honour of Pountfert/ Otley/ the foreſt of knareſburghe/ Kychmondſhyre Cleſ-lande/ the foreſt of Gouters/ Blakmore/ & yorkeſwolde/ or in any of the̅ in our ſayde countye of yorke without any daũger/ payn/ trouble/ or damage/ of any of the ſayde cyteyens/ their heires/ or ſucceſſours/ or yolle/ ſeaſure of forfayture of any of ỹ ſayde wolles or felles/ any of them/ or any payne punyſſhment/ or penalty/ for them/ or any

of them to be had/done/or attempted/ for or by vs or our heyres/ or by any of our mynisters or subiectes in our name or to our vse/ or to ꝑ vse of our heires/ by vertue of any act vse/or ordinaūce/or estatute/here tofore made agaynst any of ꝑ said cytezens their heyres or successours/ & without any toll, charge, or imposityon, to be had perceyued & taken to our vse/ or to the vse of our heyres/ of any of the sayde cytezens for the said wolles & felles/ or any of them/ other than suche lyke custome and subsedye as the inhabytauntes of our towne of Newcastell for wolles & felles by them shypped & transported to foreyne contreys vsen comonly to pay. Any acte or ordenaunce here tofore made or to be made to the contrary nat withstandyng/ whiche custome & subsedy shalbe cōtented to our vse from tyme to tyme by our said cytezens to our custome of the sayde porte of Hull/ for the tyme beynge. And more ouer we of our especyall grace by these presentes graunt vnto the said Mayre & cytezens that these our present letters of lycence/ shall be to the sayde Mayre & cytezens/ & to euery of them to their/heyres/ and successoursand to their heyres and successours of euery of them at all tymes hereafter good and auaylable for euer agaynste vs & our heyres/ in/ and for the premysses and for euery of them accordynge to the tenure therof in euery behalfe without any restraynte/ repeale/ dymynycyon/ or reuocacyon/ hereafter to be had or made therof/ or of any parte of the same. Ill be it there be no expresse mencyon of the very value & certaynte of the premysses in these our letters specyfyed. Any acte or ordenaunce here tofore made/ or to be made/ to the contrarye/ nat withstandynge. And the said mayre and cytezens shall haue these our present letters of lycence vnder our great seale/ without any fyne or fee to our vse in our hamper therof to be payde/ & without any further warraunt to be optayned of vs to be dyrected to any of our mynisters & officers in that behalfe. In wytnesse wherof we haue caused these our letters patentes to be sealed with our great seale at Hamptō court/ the.xxii. day of Auguste/the.xv.yere of our reygne. Sythen the whiche letters patentes, the saide cytie is therby nothynge helped ne encreased accordynge to the said surmyse/ nor the commynalte therof in any thynge therby encreased or auaunced/ but suche profyte as dyd growe by reason of the said letters patentes cam to the handes of. iii. or. iiii. persons there onely, contrary to the entent and meanyng of our said souerayn lorde, by reason wherof our saide souerayne lorde hath susteyned and dayly dothe susteyne great losses in his customes of wolles & felles, & the clothears there lacke the wolles wherwith they vsed to make clothe within the said countye, whiche in length sholde nat only growe to the hurt of all the kynges poore subiectes that be occuppyed w^t makynge of clothe in those partyes, but also to the kynges dysinheryteaunce and mynyshynge of his sayde customes yf it were contynued.

¶ In consyderacion wherof be it enacted by the kynge our souerayne lordes by the aduyse of the lordes spirytuall & temporall, & the cōmons in this present parlyament assembled, & by the assent & auctoryte of the same, that the saide letters patentes and euery thyng therin conteyned, be from henceforth annulled, repelled and voyde & of none effecte. And that the saide mayre and cytezens, nor their heyres nor successours shall nat haue nor take from henceforth any auauntage, profyte, or cōmodyte by reasō of the same letters pattentes/ or of any lycence & graunt, or any other thynge therin cōteyned in any wyse. ¶ Prouyded alway & be it enacted by the auctoryte aforesayd ꝑ no cytezen or inhabytātes w^tin the said cyte, which before ꝑ fyrst day of this ꝑsent ꝑlyamēt haue shypped, conueyed, or caryed any wolles or felles into the said porte of

Hull by

Hull/ by vertue and auctoꝛite of the kynges ſaid letters patentes be charged ne chargeable vnto the kynges hyghnes/ foꝛ oꝛ with moꝛe payment/ charge/ oꝛ impoſycyon foꝛ the ſayd wolles oꝛ felles/ oꝛ any of them other than with ſuche lyke cuſtomes and ſubſedyes as the ſayde inhabytauntes of the towne of Newcaſtell/ foꝛ wolles and felles by them ſhypped and tranſpoꝛted/ vſen comonly to pay accoꝛdyng as is afoꝛe reherſed in the letters patentes. And no further ne otherwyſe/ any impoꝛmacyon/ oꝛ any other charge oꝛ mater/ had/ made oꝛ heraffter to be made/ oꝛ had in the kynges eſchequer oꝛ otherwyſe foꝛ the ſame to the contrary nat withſtandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge Newcaſtell vpon Tyne/ and the poꝛte and hauen there vnto belongynge. Ca. xlviii.

HUmbly ſhewen to your hyghneſſe your trew & faythful ſubiectes/ the mayꝛe burgeyſes/ and cõmynalte of your towne of Newcaſtell vpon Tyne þ where your grace and your moſt noble pꝛogenytours kynges of Englande tyme out of mynde haue ben ſeaſed of the ſaid towne/ and of the poꝛtes and hauen of the ryuer of Tyne thꝛunto belongyng and of al grounde wᵗ water couered wᵗ in the ſaid ryuer of Tyne/ from one place in þ mouth of þ ſaid ryuer/ called þ ſparhawke/ to one ther place in þ ſame ryuer called Hedwynſtremes in theyꝛ demeane/ as of fee/ in ryght of theyꝛ crowne of Engläde and as parcell of þ ſame, And durynge all þ ſaid tyme al maner of perſon oꝛ ꝑſons/ as well free men as ſtraũgers & denyzẽs/ applyenge oꝛ comynge into þ ſayde poꝛte/ hauen & ryuer/ frõ any partyes of beyõde þ ſee/ oꝛ of this realme of Englande wᵗ ſhyppes/ oꝛ other veſſels/ chargyd/ oꝛ loden wᵗ any maner of wares oꝛ marchandyſes/ oꝛ ſhyppynge/ chargyng/ oꝛ lodyng/ any ſhyppes oꝛ veſſels with any kynde of marchãdyſes to be cõueyed out of this ſayde poꝛte and hauen/ to any partes of this realme of Engläde oꝛ els wher out of this ſayde realme/ haue always durynge all the ſaid tyme/ vſed to charge/ & diſcharge/ lode/ & vnlode/ their ſaid goodꝭ/ wares/ & marchãdyſes/ at þ ſaid towne of Newcaſtell/ & no where els within þ ſaid poꝛte & hauen and ther haue always payd to your ſaid hyghnes & your ſaid moſt noble pꝛogenytours all cuſtomes/ ſubſedyes/ tolles/ & other thynges due foꝛ the ſame/ amountynge perely to the ſumme of tyue hondꝛed poundes and aboue: wherof your ſayde ꝓgenytours/ your hyghnes/ and your aſſygnes haue ben hytherto duely and trewely anſwered and payed/ as in your eſcheker moꝛe ample and at large dothe appere. The whiche your towne of newcaſtel is as well in tyme of warres as of peas/ þ chefe keypel and defence of all the partyes of this your realme therunto adioynynge. And by reaſon of the ſayd lyberties and fraunchelles/ your ſaid towne hath ben this tyme well replenyſſhed and mayntened. In ſo moche as the inhabytauntes of your ſayde towne of late dayes/ haue ben able to ſerue your hyghnes in your warres wᵗ .iiii. C maryners oꝛ mo/ apte & able perſones foꝛ that purpoſe/ tyll nowe of late that dyuers great perſonages as well ſpyrytuall as tempoꝛall hauyng landes adioynynge to the ſayd poꝛte and ryuer betwene the ſayde towne of Newcaſtell and the ſee/ apte & eaſy foꝛ chargynge and dyſchargynge of ſhyppes and marchandyſes/ haue charged and diſcharged/ lodyd/ and vnlodyd dyuers ſhyppes and marchandyſes within the ſayd poꝛte and hauen at the ſayd places/ nat payenge therfoꝛe any cuſtomes oꝛ other dueties to your hyghnes/ by meane wherof your ſayde towne is lykely to come to vtter decay and ruyne. And the inhabytauntes of the ſame to refuſe & relynquyſſhe þ ſayde towne/ & to repayꝛe & reſoꝛte to þ ſayd places to þ great dyſcheryſon of your hyghnes

& impaſſhement of your cuſtomes/ ſubſidies & duties/ & ꝓfytes/ cuſtomably payd at
your towne & port aforeſaid. And alſo where dyuers ways & ſylthgates of late tyme
haue ben made/ reed/ fyred/ & ſet in the ſayd port & ryuer of Tyne betwene your ſayd
towne & the hye ſee/ by dyuers ꝓſons hauyng great landes & tenemẽtes adioynyng to ꝑ
ſaid ryuer/ moſt ſpecially within the byſſhoprych of Durham wher your gracyous
wyrtt̃ with nat rõne/ & were your cõmiſſions out of your court of ℭ hanſcery or other
your courtes/ do nat take any effect/ by meane wherof great ſande bedded/ & grauel
hepes be growẽ & caſt vp in ꝑ ſaid ryuer & port/ ſo ꝑ wt̃in fewe yeres to com no ſhyp
of good burde or weyght ſhalbe able to come or reſorte to your ſaid towne/ to the in-
eſtymable hurt of the countreys therunto adioynynge/ and to the great damage of
this your realme/ ſpecially to all perſons nedyng ſee coles/ whiche be onely cõueyed
from the ſaid porte of Newcaſtell/ & in no where elles/ had or to be ſhypped within
this your realme. ℭ In cõſyderacion wherof it may pleſe your hyghnes of your moſt
habundaũt grace wt̃ the aſſent of your lordes ſpirytuall & temporall/ & the cõmons of
this preſent parlyament aſſembled/ & by the auctorite of the ſame/ to enacte ordeyn/
& eſtabyſſhe/ ꝑ trõ henſforth any marchaunt or marchanntes/ or any other perſon or
perſons/ ſhall nat ſhyp/ lode/ or vnlode/ charge/ or diſcharge any maner of goodes/
wares or marchãdiſes/ to be ſolde here within this your realme or elles where/ into
or from any ſhyp or ſhyppes/ or other veſſels/ in or at any place or places within the
ſaid porte ryuer & hauen betwene the ſaid place called the ſparhawke/ and the ſayde
place called Hedwynſtremes/ but only at the ſayd towne of Newcaſtell/ & no where
elſe/ vpon payne of forfeyture of all ſuche goodes/ wares & marchãdiſes/ to ꝑ kynge
our ſouerayn lorde/ & to his heires kynges of Engl̃ande/ & that it ſhalbe lefull vnto the
mayre/ burgeyſes & cõmynalte of ꝑ ſaid towne of Newcaſtel & their ſucceſſours & al
other ꝑ kynges officers ther fore tyme beynge/ for to take & ſeaſe al ꝑ ſaid ſuch forfett
goodes/ wares & marchãdiſes to ꝑ vſe of our ſouerayn lorde ꝑ kyng & of his heyres/
& ꝑ value therof to be anſwered in his eſchequer. ℭ Be it alſo enacted & eſtabyſſhed
by the auctorite aforeſaid/ ꝑ euery owner/ fermer/ or occupyer of the ſaid wayres gar-
tes/ & engynes & euery of ꝑ ſame do abate/ put downe & put away ꝑ ſame wares gar-
tes & engynes/ on this ſyde ꝑ feſt of Eſter nert comyng. And ꝑ no maner ꝓſon or per-
ſons from henſforth/ aryſe/ leuey or make/ any maner/ wayre/ gore & engyn/ in ꝑ ſayd
hauen betwene ꝑ ſaid places called ſparhawke & hedwynſtremes/ vpon payn of. ℭ Ki
of lawfull englyſſhe money for euery tyme they do ꝑ contrary/ wherof ꝑ one half ſhall
be to our ſouerayn lorde ꝑ kyng/ & the other halfe to him or thẽ ꝑ wyll ſue therfore by
accion of det/ bylle/ playnt/ or informacõ in any of ꝑ kynges courtes/ wherin ꝑ ptye
defendaũt ſhall nat wage his lawe/ nor in ꝑ accion/ any eſſon/ lyeſce/ ne ꝓtecyon be
alowed. ℭ And further it ſhalbe lawfull at all tymes after ꝑ feeſt of whyttonntyde nert
cõmyng to the mayre burgeyſes & cõmynalte of ꝑ ſayde towne of Newcaſtell & their
ſucceſſours/ to abate/ pluche downe/ & take away al & euery of ꝑ ſayd wayres gores
and engyns ꝑ ſhalbe thã foũde ſtandyng in any place wt̃in the ſaid porte and hauen
betwene the ſayde place of ſparhawke & hedwynſtremes/ and that heratter ſhalibe
newly made/ leuyed and alterrd/ any where within the ſame/ without trouble/ letta
or vexacyon/ of any maner perſon or perſons by ſute in the lawe or otherwyſe.
ℭ Prouyded alway that this acte be nat prẽiudycyall or hurtefull to any perſon or
perſons beynge the kynges ſubiectes/ for beynge ſhyppynge/ lodynge/ or vnlodynge
of any ſalte or fyſſhe within the ſayd ryuer and porte/ or to any of them/ or any other
perſon or

perſon or ꝑſons repayryng to ꝯ ſayde porte / with ſhyppes & marchaūdyſes / for ſelyng or byenge of any wares or marchaundyſes nedefull for the bytelyng, and amendyng of their ſaid ſhyppes at the tyme of their ther beyng within the ſayde porte. This acte or any thyng comprysed in the ſame nat withſtandyng.

¶ In acte concernyng auowrys. Ca. xix.

Where as well the noble men of this realme as dyuers other perſons by fynes / recouereys / graūtes / and ſecrete feoffementes / and leaſes / made by ther tenauntes / to ꝑſons vnknowen of ꝯ landes and tenementes holden of them / haue ben put from the knowlege of their tenauntes / vpon whome they ſholde by ordre of the lawe make their auowrys for their rentes / cuſtomes / & ſeruyces / to their great loſſes & hynderaunces. ¶ Be it therfore enacted / eſtabliſſhed & ordeyned / by auctorite of this ꝑſent ālyament / ꝯ wher ſo euer any maner lādes teñtes / or other hereditamēt / be holden by any maner ꝑſon or ꝑſons / by rent / cuſtomes or ſeruyces ꝯ yf the lorde of whome any ſuch maner lādes / teñtes / or hereditamentes be ſo holden / dyſtrayn vpon the ſame maners landes or teñtes for any ſuche rentes / cuſtomes or ſeruyces / and repleuyne therof be ſued / ꝯ the lorde of whome ꝯ ſame landes / tenemētes / or hereditamētes be ſo holdē may auowe to his baylyffe or ſeruaūt make conyſaūce or iuſtifye for takyng of ꝯ ſaid dyſtreſſes vpon ꝯ ſame lādes / tenemētes / or hereditamētes ſo holden / as in landes or teñtes within his fee or ſeygnorye. Alegynge in ꝯ ſaid auowrye, conyſaūce and iuſtifycacyon the ſame maner landes and tenementes, to be holden of him without namynge of any perſon certayne to be tenaūtes of the ſame, & wᵗ out makynge any auowrye, iuſtifycaciō. or conyſaūce vpon any perſon certayne. And lyke wyſe the lorde, bayly. or ſeruaunt, to make auowry, iuſtifycaciō or conyſaūce in lyke maner and forme vpon euery wryt, ſued of ſeconde delyueraunce. ¶ And alſo be it enacted by the ſaid auctorite ꝯ euery auowant & euery other perſon or perſons ꝯ make any ſuche auowrye, iuſtifycacion or conyſaunce, as bayly or ſeruaūt, to any perſon or perſons in any replegiare or ſeconde delyueraunce for rentes, cuſtomes, ſeruyces. or for damage feſaunt, or other rent or rentes, vpon any diſtreſſe taken in any landes or teñtes. If ꝯ ſame auowry conyſaunce, or iuſtifycacion be founde for them, or the playntyffes in the ſame be nō ſute or otherwyſe, barred, that than they ſhall, recouer, their damages, and coſtes agaynſt ꝯ ſaid playntyffes, as the ſame playntyffes ſholde haue done or had yf they had recouered in the replegiare or ſecōde delyueraūce foūde agaynſt ꝯ ſaid defendaūtes. ¶ And be it alſo ordeyned ꝯ the ſayde playntyffes & defendaūtes in the ſaid wryttes of replegiare, or wryttes of ſeconde delyueraunce & in euery of them, ſhall haue lyke pleas, & lyke ayde prayers in all ſuch auowrys, conyſaūces & iuſtifycacions (Plees of dyſclaim onely excepte) as they myght haue had before the makynge of this acte, And as though the ſayd auowrye, conyſaūce or iuſtifycacion had ben made after the due ordre of the comon lawe. And it is further enacted by the ſayde auctorite that all ſuche perſons as by the ordre of the comō lawe may lawfully ioyne to ꝯ playntyffes or defendauntes in the ſaid wryttes of replegiare or ſeconde delyueraunce as well without proceſſe, as by proceſſe, ſhall from henſforth ioyne vnto the ſaid playntyffes or defendauntes, aſwell without proceſſe or by proceſſe, and to haue lyke pleas and lyke auauntages in all thynges (dyſclamer onely excepte, As they myght haue done by the ordre of the comon lawe before the makynge of thys acte.

 ¶ In acte

¶ An acte that the p̄sident of the kynges councell shall be associate with the Chauncellour and Tresourer of Englande / and the keper of the kynges p̄yue seale. Ca.xx.

Where at a parlyament holden at westmynster / in the thyrde yere of the reygne of our late moost dred souerayne lorde kynge Henry the .viii. for as moche as by the vnlauful mayntenaunces / gyuyng of lyuereys / lygnes / tokens and retaynders / by endentures / promyses / othes / wrytynges / or otherwyse / enbraseryes of thys subiectes / vntrew demeanyng of sheryffes / in makynge of panels / and other vntrew returnes / by takynge of money / by Jurye & great reportes & vnlauful assembles / ỹ polecy & good rulers of this realme was almost subdued. And for the pumyshement of these inconuenyẽtes by the occasiõ of the ỹmyses nothyng or lytell myght be found by enquyry / wherby ỹ lawes of ỹ lãdes in execucyõ myght take lytell effecte / whiche was to thencrease of murders, robberyes, pyuryes, and vnsuertyes of all men lyuyng, and losses of their lãdes & goodes, to the great displeasure of almyghty god. For reformacyõ of which p̄emysses it was ordeyned & enacted by auctorite of the said parlyament amõgest other thynges ỹ the Chaũceller & treasorer of Englande for ỹ tyme beynge, & the keper of the kynges p̄yue seale, or two of them / callyng to thẽ a byssshop and a tẽporall lorde of the kynges moost honorable coũcell. And ỹ .ii. chefe iustyces of the kynges benche & the comõ place of ther tyme beynge, or other .ii. iustyces in their absẽces, vpõ byll or informacyõ, put to the said chaũceller for the kynge, or any other agaynst any person for any mysbehauynge afore rehersed, sholde haue auctorite to call before thẽ by wryt or by p̄yue seale ỹ said mysdoers. And they and other by their discrecyon by whome ỹ trouthe myght by knowẽ to examyn. And such as they shold fynde defectyue to punysshe thẽ after ther demerytes / after the forme & effect of statutes therof made, in lyke maner and forme as they sholde & ought to be punysshed yf they were therof conuycted after ỹ due order of the law, as by ỹ same statute amonge other thynges now playnly doth appere. Neuertheiesse in the same good & profytable estatute, the p̄sydent of the kynges moost honorably counsel for the tyme beyng attendyng vpon his moost noble & royall person is admytted, & nat named in the sayde former statutes made in ỹ thyrde yere of the reygne of kyng Henry the. viii. to be one of the said persons that sholde haue auctorite to call before them suche mysdoers so offendyng the kynges lawes, in any of the p̄emysses as is before rehersed.

¶ Be it therfore now by the auctorite of this p̄sent parlyament, ordeyned & enacted that from henceforth the Chaunceller, Tresorer of Englande, & the p̄sydent of the kynges moost honorable coũcell attendyng vpon his moost honorable person for the tyme beyng, & keper of the kynges p̄yue seale or two of them callyng vnto them one byssshop, & one temporall lorde of the kynges moost honorable coũcell. And ỹ .ii. chefe Justyces of the kynges benche & the cõmon place for ỹ tyme beyng, or other .ii. of the kynges Justyces in their absence vpon any byll or informacyon hereafter to be put in. The Chaũceller of Englande, treasorer, p̄sydent of the kynges said moost honorable councell, or keper of ỹ kynges p̄yue seale for the tyme beyng, for any mysdemeanyng before rehersed, from henceforth haue full power and auctorite to call before them by wryt or p̄yue seale suche mysdoers, and them and other by their discressyon by whome the trouthe may be knowen to examyn. And suche as they shall fynde defectyue, to punysshe them after their demerytes. After the forme and effect of ỹ sayde former estatute & of all other estatutes therof tofore made & nat repelled nor expyred in lyke

in lyke maner & fourme as they ſhulde & ought to be punyſſhed yf they were therof conuycted after the due ordre of ỹ kynges lawes. ¶ And alſo be it enacted by auc to cyte of this preſent parlyament ỹ the preſydent of the kynges ſaid moſt honorable counſell for the tyme beynge / yf he be than preſents / may be at all tymes hereafter aſſocyate with the Chaunceliour / Treſourer of Englande / & keper of ỹ kynges pryue ſeale for the tyme beynge / aſwell at ỹ nampynge of iherpſſes & ſettynges of prices of wynes as at all other actes lymytted & apoynted by any ſtatute to be done by ỹ ſayde Chaunceller and Treſourer / or keper of the kynges pryue ſeale for the tyme beynge. Any acte / ſtatute / or vſe / here tofore made or vſed to the contrary natwithſtandynge.

¶ In acte for yermouth concernynge makynge of Worſtedes. Ca. xxi.

WHere at a parlyament holden at London the .xv. day of Apryll in the .xxiii. yere of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge that nowe is / and frome thens adiourned to weſtmynſter the laſte day July / in the .xv. yere of our ſayde ſoueraygne lorde and there ended. It was ordeyned / enacted and eſtablyſſhed / that the craftes men called worſted weuers / inhabyted in the towne of great yermouth ſholde haue power and auctorite by that acte / frome thens forwarde to elect and chooſe yerely for euer on the monday next after the feeſt of Penthecoſte / one honeſt man of the myſtery and occupacyon of worſted weuers / beynge a houſholder within the ſayde towne of great yermouth / and hauynge of his propre goodes and cattels to the value of .x. li. at the leaſte / or landes and tenementes to his owne vſe of eſtate of free holde at the leſte to the clere yerely value of .xx.s. to be wardeyn of the ſame craft and myſtery of worſted weuers for the yere enſuynge / whiche man ſo electe and choſen ſholde perſonally appere before the mayre of the cyte of Norwiche for the tyme beynge / the monday next after the feeſt of Corpus chriſti than next enſuynge / than and there to be ſworne and charged by lyke othe concernynge the trewe and ſubſtancyall makynge of worſtes / ſayes / and ſtampns / within the ſayd towne of great yermouth / as ỹ foure wardeyns of the ſaide cytye of Norwiche by vertue of an acte of parlyament made in .viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth / were charged and ſworne for the ſame cyte of Norwyche / and yf the ſayde Mayre happened to be abſent / ỹ ſaid mõday next after Corpus chriſti / or els thã refuſed to receyue or take the ſayde othe. Than the ſayde warden ſo electe with in .iii. dayes next after the ſame monday / ſholde come before the baylyffes of the ſayd towne of great yermouth for the tyme beynge / or before one of them the other beynge abſent. And than and there receyue a corporall othe for the trewe exercyſynge of the ſame office of wardenſhyp / after the tenour of the othe accuſtomably vſed to be gyuen to the ſayd wardens of the ſayde cyte of Norwyche. And than the ſayd warden of the ſayde towne of great yermouth for the tyme beynge ſo electe and ſworne / myght / ordeyn and appoynt a ſeale with this letter. y. to be grauen i the ſame ſeale / and myght haue full power and auctorite / to vyewe / ſerch / ſeale / and ſeale / in leade with the ſame ſeale ſo to be appoynted and engrauen / and none other / all worſteds / ſayes / and ſtampns / within the ſayd towne of yermouth and ſubarbes of the ſame made or to be made / and elſwhere / in as large and ample maner as the ſaid wardens of the ſayd cytye of Norwiche and the wardens of the countye of Norff. or any of them had within the ſayd cyte or county / or in any wyſe may do in that behalfe by auctorite or.

vertue of the afore remembred act made in ỳ said .viii. yere of kyng Edward the .iiii. Any thynge in same conteyned to the contrary nat withstandynge. ¶ And ỳ no person inhabited within the sayd towne of great Yermouth or subarbes therof shold weue any worstedes / sayes, or stamyns, w^in the same towne, except he be an Englysshe man borne, & had ben apprentyce to the said occupacion, and w^out he weued there suche propre markes as shold be lympted & appoynted by the sayd warden of the sayde towne for the tyme beynge electe & sworne as is afore sayde, vpon payne of forfeture therof to ỳ kynge our souerayn lorde. And ỳ euery warden of ỳ sayde towne shold lympt, distyncte, & seuerall markes to euery of the sayde worsted weuers of the same towne of great Yermouth. And ỳ same marks by ỳ sayd warden to be regystred in a boke. And also it was further enacted ỳ yt and whan to euer the towne of Lynne shold be inhabyted with .x. sondry housholders or more nombre of housholdrs exercysynge & vsynge ỳ said craft or mystery of worsted weuers thã & tho thenforth, ỳ is to say as longe as ỳ same towne of Lynne shold be inhabyted with ỳ nõbre of .x. such housholders at ỳ least, it shold be lefull to ỳ same inhabytaũtes of ỳ sayde towne of Lynne yerely in the monday next after the feest of Pẽthecost, to elect & chose of them selfe one warden of the sayde craft & mystery of worsted weuers to be of the value in lades & goodes as is aforesaid of the wardeyn of Yermouth, whiche warden so elect shold yerely be sworne & charged at the sayd cyte of Norwich, in lyke maner and at lyke day as is before lympted to the wardens of Yermouth, or in defaute of the said Mayre of Norwich, than the said warden so to be elect for ỳ sayde towne of Lynne, to take a corporall othe before ỳ mayre of ỳ sayd towne of Lynne, within suche tyme and after suche forme as is before lympted vnto the said warden of Yermouth.

¶ And ỳ the said wardeyn of the said towne of Lynne, for the tyme beynge so electe & sworne by hymselfe, myght ordeyn & appoynt a seale with this letter L. to be grauen in ỳ same seale / and myght haue full power & auctorite to vpew, serche, seale, and seale in leade, with the same seale so to be grauen / & with none other / all worstedes / sayes & stamyns / within the said towne of Lynne and subarbes of the same / made or to be made / & nat elis where / in as large and ample maner as the said warden of the said cyte of Norwiche / & wardeyne of the said countye of Norff. or any of them had within the said cyte or countye / or otherwyse myght do by auctorite or vertue of the aforesayd acte / made in the sayd . viii . yere of kyng Edwarde the fourth. Any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandynge. And that no persone inhabyted within the said towne of Lynne or subarbes therof / sholde make any worstedes / sayes / or stamyns within the same towne except he were Englysshe borne & had ben apprentyce to the same occupacyon / & without he weued therin suche proper marke as shold be lympted and appoynted by the saide wardeyne of the same towne of Lynne for the tyme beynge vpon payne of forfeyture therof to the kynge our souerayne lorde. And ỳ euery wardeyn of the sayde towne sholde lympt / distynct and seuerall markes to euery of the said worsted weuers of the same towne. And the same markes by the said wardeyn to be regystred in a boke.

¶ And it was further enacted that frome the feest of Seynt Mychell the archangell than next folowynge / vnto suche tyme as the sayde towne of Lynne shold be inhabyted with the said nombre of ten housholders of the sayde craft of worsted weuers and alwayes after whan the nombre of .x. housholders shold happen to fayle / and nat be inhabyted in the said towne / the sayde wardeyns of the sayde cyte

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of Norwiche and their successours shalbe procure and cause one of them selfes / or one of the wardeyns of the sayde craft of the sayde countye of Norff. personally to come and be entry . xxviii . daye frome and after the sayde feest of sayne Mychell the archaungell in / and to the sayde towne of Lynne / or within . vi . dayes next after entry such .xxviii. day , And there to cõtynue & abyde by so longe tymes as he myght serche and seale all suche worstedes / sayes / and stampys / made in the same towne of Lynne / as than shalbe brought to hym to be sealed within the space of one hole daye. And the sayd inhabytauntes of worstede weuers of the same towne of Lynne beynge / shalbe contente and paye to the sayde wardeynes of Norwiche or Norff. whyche shalbe soo come to Lynne in the sayde .xxviii . daye or within the syxe dayes next after the . xxviii . day / for his costes and expences for euery tyme that he shalbe so come to Lynne betwene the feestes of sayne Mychel the archangell / and the Annunciacion of our Lady sayne Marye. iii . s . And for euery tyme that he shalbe soo come to the sayde towne of Lynne / betwene the feest of the Annunciacion of our Lady / and the feest of sayne Mychell the archaungell .ii . s . And yf the sayd inhabytauntes of worsted weuers of the sayde towne of Lynne dyd nat contente and paye to the sayde wardeyne commynge to Lynne in fourme aforesayd for his sayde costes and charges the sayd .iii.s.or .ii.s. as is aboue expressed. Than the same inhabytauntes shalbe forfeyte and paye to the sayde wardeyne or to his executours / for euery suche defaute of payment. xl.s . And yf none of the sayde wardeynes of Norwiche & Norfolke come to the sayde towne of Lynne for the cause aforesayde in maner and fourme aboue remembred that the sayde wardeyns of the sayde cyte of Norwiche shalbe forfeyte and paye to the sayde inhabytauntes of Lynne of the sayde mysterye of worsted weuers / for euery such defaut .xl.s . for recompence of which penalye and forfeytes / the sayd wardeynes of Norwiche or Norfolke beyng thereunto entytuled by that acte by his proper name with this addicyon / that is to saye Unius gardiani siue or nup vnius gardianorũ artis siue misterie textorum panni lanei vocat worsted in ciuitate Norwici / vel coñ Norff . As the trouth requyreth / sheld & myght haue accyõ of det / by writ / bylle / or playnt / in any cõpetent or lawfull court of this realme / agayns the inhabytauntes of Lynne / of the sayde mysterye for the tyme beynge by their sondry proper names . And the sayde inhabitauntes by their said names w^t this addicyon . Textorũ panni lanei vocat worstedes inhabitãtes ville de Lynne / shalde & myght haue lyke action of det against the said wardeynes of Norwich by ỹ name of gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorum vocat worsted infra ciuitat Norwici / vel coñ Norff . to be vsed to good congruytees of laten & fourme of the lawes of thys realme / in whiche accyons or any of them non essoin / protection / or wager of lawe shalde be suffred or alowed . And ỹ the perpetuler bodies or goodes of any of these said wardeyns or inhabitãtes beyng condempned in any of the said accions shold & myght be put in execucion after suche maner & fourme as is vsed in accion of det by cours of the comũ law of this realme . And moreouer it was enacted ỹ all clothes of worstedes / sayes / & stampys / made w^t in any of the sayde townes of Lynne & great Yermouth / or subarbes of the same or any of them / & marked w^t suche markes as shalde be expressed to ỹ markers of ỹ said wardes of the ỹ towne in maner & forme as is aboue said. And vyewed & sealed by any of ỹ wardes of ỹ said townes of Lynne & Yermouth in forme remembred / by force & vertue of ỹ sayde acte / myght be lawfully put to sale by ỹ owners & makers of the same without any other markyng or sealynge

sealyng vpon the same clothes or vpon any of them to be had or made/ of/ or vpō any of the said clothes for lacke of any other seales or markes. Any thynge contayned in the sayd.viii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ And ouer this it was enacted that euery crafte man of the said mystery & occupacyon of worsted makynge, dwellynge within any of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth, & subarbes of the same at their owne fre wylles & lybertyes from thensforth for euer, myght haue & take apprentyce, or apprentyces beynge male of the age of.xviii. yeres & vpwarde, and beyng the kynges naturall subiectes for terme of seuen yeres, and nat vnder, so that none of them excede the nombre of two at ones to lerne. vse, & exercyse the said crafte within eyther of the sayde two townes of Lynne and great Yermouth and subarbes of the same. All be it the father of the said apprentyce or apprentyces myght nat expende in landes or tenementes to the yerely value of.xx.s. Any acte or ordinaūce to the contrary made or to be made nat withstandyng.

¶ Prouyded alway that the same acte nor any thynge therin conteyned, sholde nat in any wyse be hurtefull or preiudycyall to the Mayre of Norwiche or to his successour, or to ỳ wardens of the said cyte or county, or to their successours in any poynt, artycle, power or auctorite, other than for weuyng, serchynge, and sealynge of worstedes, sayes, & stamyns, made or to be made onely w^t^in the sayd townes of Lynne & Yermouth, or subarbes of the same. or to any of them. And for symplyfyinge of markes to the markers of worstedes, sayes, and stamyns, only inhabyted in eyther of the sayd townes or subarbes therof. And takyng of apprētyces in fourme aboue remembred. Nat that the sayde Mayre of the sayde cyte of Norwiche and wardeyns of the same cyte and countye, and euery of them myght haue and vse all other poyntes artycles, powers, & auctorites, conteyned and specyfyed in the aboue remembred acte made in the sayd seuenth yere of kynge Edwarde the.iiii. As well for the serche sealynge, correccyon, & reformacyon of ỳ sayde wardens newly to be electe by ỳ vertue of the same acte. And euery of them accordynge, and after such forme as they myght do or vse. Any of the sayd wardens of ỳ sayd cyte or countye by force of the sayd acte made in the said.xii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth. As all and euery other enqueryes, correccyons, serches, sealynges, & reformacyons to be had for ỳ trewe makynge of worstedes, sayes, stamyns, &, and vpon any person or persons as well w^t^in the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth as without, without trouble, let, or wrangyng of any of the inhabytauntes of the sayde towne, in as large and ample wyse as they myght haue done before the makynge of the sayd acte. Any thynge conteyned in the same acte to the contrary nat withstandynge.

¶ And also it was further prouyded & enacted that the sayde craftes men of worsted weuers, inhabyted, or after that to be inhabyted w^t^in eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne & Yermouth or subarbes of the same. And the marchauntes or any other person or persons whiche sholde happen to bye of the same craftes men / or any of them or of any other person. any of ỳ sayd clothes of worstedes, sayes, stamyns, made or to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouth, and sealed by the sayde wardeyns of the same townes, to be electe and sworne as is aforesayde. And any of them sholde nat shere, dye, or put in colour, or kalender, any worstedes, stamyns, or sayes, made, or after that to be made within eyther of the sayde townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, or subarbes, of the same, in any other place, or places.

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t only within the said cyte of Norwiche or suburbes of the same, vpon payne of for
yture of euery pece of worstede, sayes, or stampns, to be made within any of the
ioe to wnes of Lynne & Yermouth or suburbes of ꝑ same, or ꝑ value therof, shorne,
yed, coloured, or kalendred, by any of the said crafftes men/ byers or marchauntes in
ny other place or places than in the sayd cyte of Norwyche, or suburbes of the same
cye one halfe therof to be to the kynge our souerayne lorde, & the other halfe therof
iuche person or persons as wolde sease the same, so ꝑ the said worstedes brought
the said cyte of Norwiche to be shorne, dyed, coloured and kalendred, without co
on or crafte of any of the said inhabytaunts & marchaũtes, myght be shorne, dyed,
loured, & kalendred, at and by as conuenyent pryce or pryces, and in as redy wyse
the said inhabytaũtes of eyther of the sayd townes of Lynne and Yermouthe, and
archauntes, byers, of the said worstedes or other of the said cyte and countre, had
o in tymes past, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabytauntes &
archauntes, & euery of them so bryngynge the sayde worstedes to the same cyte to
shorne, dyed, coloured, and kalendred, were reasonably and lawfully entreated ac
ioynge to the said acte made in the sayde .vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the .iiii. and
e ordenaunce made and auꝑymed/ or therafter to be made and allymed for the said
ystery without let or bysturbaunce contrary to the same acte or ordenaunces in ꝑ
halfe. ¶ And it was further enacted ꝑ no person or persons at any tyme after that
uilde conuey or transport into any of the partyes of beyonde the see, any maner of
othes of worstedes before the same clothes were shorne, dyed, coloured, and kalen
ed vpon payne of forfeyture the value therof. The one halfe to the kynge our soue
ayne lorde/ & the other halfe therof to the partye that wyll sue therfore by accion or
aynt of dette in any of the kynges courtes. In whiche accyon or sute no protection
essoyn sholde be alowed, nor the offender admytted to wage his lawe. As by the
yde acte therof made more playnly appereth, whiche acte was made to endure
nto the next parlyament wherby it is nowe erꝑyed.

¶ In consyderacyon wherof and for as moche as the same acte is a good & a neces
ry acte for the true makynge of worstedes, sayes, and stampns, and very commo
ous and profytable for the encrease of the sayde townes of Yermouth and Lynne.
¶ Be it therfore enacted by ꝑ kynge our souerayne lorde & the lordes spirytuall and
mporall, & the commons in this presente parlyament assembled, that the same acte
nd euery artycle, sentence, and prouyson, therin conteyned, frome the fyrst day of
is present parlyament, be and stande in full strength, vertue and effecte. And to en
ure vnto the last ende of the nexte parlyament, any thynge in the same acte contey
ed to the contrarye nat withstandynge.

¶ Cum priuilegio regali.

Anno. xxij. H. viij.

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